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Djokovic's bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title crashes as Popyrin knocks out US Open defending champ in third round, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, P 27

Allow Ukraine to use F-16s inside Russia, says Denmark

Kyiv To Get $800m From US To Protect Its Power Grid

Allies must give Ukraine what it needs to repel Russia's invasion and not restrict the use of donated arms, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said.

Ukraine should be allowed to use Western weapons including F-16 fighter jets to hit targets inside Russia as long as it follows international law, she told a security conference in Prague on Saturday. "Talking about red lines when it comes to donations is a big mistake," the premier said. "Ukraine has to win this war, and they are facing an extremely aggressive Russia. The only way to win is to give Ukraine what they need." Denmark has provided Ukraine $7.3bn worth of military aid, and most recently, donated 19 of its F-16s.

Ukraine will receive $800 million from the US to help stabilise severely battered energy infrastructure amid reports that its top grid manager will soon be ousted. The package was announced by Yulia Svyrydenko, Ukraine's first deputy PM, during a visit to Washington on Saturday.

Reuters

A woman embraces her relatives before they board an evacuation train to Western Ukraine, in Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, on Friday

Seven killed as Russian attacks go on

Russian shelling in the town of Chasiv Yar on Saturday killed five people, as Moscow's troops pushed ahead in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region. The attack struck a high-rise building and a private home, said the governor. A Russian guided bomb attack on Saturday killed two people and injured 10 more including children in a village in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. AP, REUTERS

Russian defence ministry said its forces have gained control of the Kirove settlement, known in Ukraine as Verezamske, in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region. BLOOMBERG

66,000 Russian soldiers killed in war: Report

Warsaw: Independent Russian media outlet Mediazona said Saturday according to its estimates more than 66,000 Russian military personnel have died during the war in Ukraine.

Mediazona has been drawing up a list of known soldier deaths in conjunction with the BBC Russian Service using open-source data. Previously in April, they announced they had found more than 50,000 names of Russians killed. Mediazona said Saturday that "as of Aug 30, we know the names of 66,471 Russian soldiers killed in the war". The list has gone up by over 4,600 in the four weeks, it said, while stressing this was not a definitive figure since many deaths are not made public.

Anastasia Alekseyeva, a journalist at Mediazona, stressed that the latest death numbers were "not linked to Ukraine's offensive in Kursk". AFP

Harris calls on Trump to debate with mics 'on the whole time'

Washington: Vice-President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee in the US presidential election in Nov, on Saturday called on her Republican rival Donald Trump to debate her with their microphones switched on throughout the event.

Harris and the former president have both agreed to a debate, hosted by ABC News, on Sept 10. "Donald Trump is surrendering to his advisors who won't allow him to debate with a live microphone. If his own team doesn't have confidence in him, the American people definitely can't," Harris said in a post on X.

Reuters

COUNTDOWN BEGINS

"We are running for President of the United States. Let's debate in a transparent way — with the microphones on the whole time."

Trump has said that he preferred to have his microphone kept on and that he did not like it muted during the last debate against then-contender President Joe Biden.

So-called "hot mics" can help or hurt political candidates, catching off-hand comments that sometimes were not meant for the public. Muted microphones also prevent the debaters from interrupting their opponent.

A representative for ABC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The debate would be the first time Harris and Trump face off since Biden dropped out of the presidential race following a poor performance at a CNN debate in June that raised doubts about his mental acuity. REUTERS

US troops injured in Iraq raid; 15 IS operatives dead

US Central Command (CENTCOM) said on Saturday its forces conducted a partnered raid with the Iraqi Security Forces in western Iraq in the early hours of Aug 29, resulting in the deaths of 15 Islamic State operatives and the injury of seven US military personnel. "The IS element was armed with numerous weapons, grenades, and explosive "suicide" belts," CENTCOM said on Friday. It also added that there were no indications of civilian casualties in the raid. Two US officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said on Saturday five US personnel were wounded during the operation. REUTERS

Islamic parties meet Yunus, ask to not delay polls

Dhaka: Islamic parties in Bangladesh told interim govt chief adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus on Saturday that the election should not be delayed unnecessarily but did not discuss any specific time frame. Seven Islamic parties exchanged views with Prof Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna, reports **AKM Moinuddin**.

They said a person should not stay in the post of PM for over two terms and asked the interim govt to hold polls by carrying out reforms within a reasonable time. The meeting was attended by leaders of the Khelafat Majlish, Nizam-e-Islam, Hefazat-e-Islam, Bangla desh Khelafat Majlish , Islami Andolon, Khelafat Andolon and Jamiat Ulama-e Islam.

Action against B'desh journos condemned

AKM Moinuddin

Dhaka: Authorities in Bangladesh's interim govt, headed by Prof Muhammad Yunus, must do everything in their power to end the vicious process against journalists, Reporters Without Borders (Reporters sans frontières, or RSF) said on Saturday.

"The purge of journalists who are considered to be affiliated with the former govt has reached a new level. Media professionals are bearing the brunt of the need for vengeance that permeates this terrible legal cabal, which is hurting the image of the political transition underway in Bangladesh," said Antoine Bernard, RSF's director of advocacy and assistance.

Bernard said all charges against journalists must be dropped and Farzana Rupa and Shakil Ahmed released immediately. On Aug 29, 25 journalists were charged with crimes against humanity for the death of a protester. The list of journalists includes Farzana Rupa and Shakil Ahmed, who have already been charged with the murders of other demonstrators.

The complaint lodged on Aug 29 for crimes against humanity marks a new stage in the series of lawsuits targeting media professionals. This time at least 25 journalists have been targeted in a case examined by the International Crimes Tribunal, a special court set up in 1973 to prosecute suspects in the genocide during Bangladesh's War of Independence.

Pak confirms 3rd mpox case

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistani health authorities confirmed Saturday a third case of mpox (monkeypox) virus this year, saying the patient was diagnosed after screening at Peshawar airport following his return from Jeddah. Another patient on the same flight was also shifted to hospital with purported symptoms, while Sindh authorities reported a suspected case at Karachi airport.

"Medical personnel at Peshawar's Bacha Khan International Airport identified two travellers displaying symptoms of mpox virus," said Dr Irshad Ali Roghani, public health director of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Roghani stressed that no locally transmitted cases had been recorded so far.

Why Balochistan's on the boil, what it means for India

With Islamabad's Militarist Approach Not Helping, Pakistan Perhaps Needs To Be More Receptive To Baloch Aspirations And Identity

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As Pakistan grapples with a surge in terrorist strikes in the past couple of years, its restive Balochistan province was rocked this week by a wave of attacks that have left more than 70 dead. The coordinated strikes, perhaps more widespread than any such assault in the past, by the separatist Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), have again foregrounded Baloch insurgency fuelled by decades of neglect and exploitation of impoverished Balochistan's natural resources as the soft underbelly of Pakistan.

The attacks, which saw BLA targeting police stations and taking control of major highways, coincided with the death anniversary of Baloch leader Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, who was killed 18 years ago in one of then president Pervez Musharraf's counter-insurgency operations.

Bugti's killing only exposed the limitation of kinetic action, in the absence of any genuine attempt to address the aspirations of the tribal population, as it led to the emergence of more armed separatist groups that now target not just Pakistan security forces and Chinese interests but also Punjabi and Sindhi migrant workers.

New Dimensions?

There's no doubt that the attacks were on a newer scale and showed increased audacity of the insurgents, their strong support base and increasing ability to operate freely.

According to former Indian high commissioner to Pakistan, Ajay Bisaria, targeting of Punjabi workers introduces a new ethnic dimension, signalling that the Baloch radicals are looking to provoke and challenge the primarily Punjabi army.

Nearly half of those killed by the BLA in the latest escalation were Punjabi workers. The Baloch people resent the influx of Punjabis who are seen as having benefited from economic opportunities arising in Balochistan at the expense of the Baloch people. This has fed into the insurgency against the Pakistan state and the anti-Punjabi sentiment that sustains it. The sentiment has its genesis in the traditional domination of the Punjabi elite in the civil bureaucracy and the composition of the Punjabi-dominated army, which lords over the province in the absence of any genuine political leadership or effort to address the local grievances.

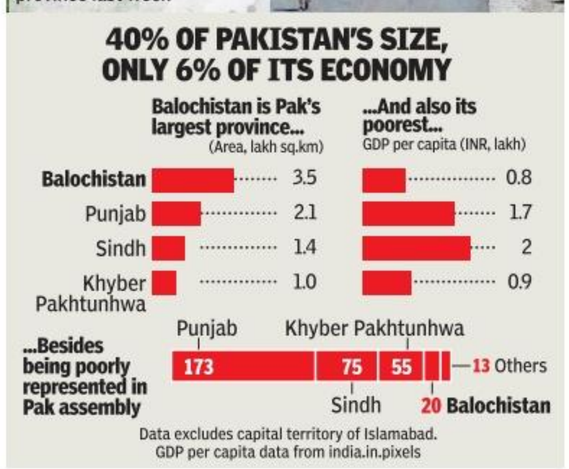
To an average Baloch, who believes he has the first claim over the province's natural resources and sees himself as a victim of the federal government's discriminatory policies, Punjabi workers only symbolise State repression, as practiced by the essentially Punjabi establishment. Extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, human rights violations and the reluctance of the establishment to engage civil rights groups have added to the mistrust.

According to Bisaria, the latest episode also represents a security meltdown and possibly a coalescing of the Afghan/ Pashtun and Baloch insurgencies. ``TTP (Pakistan Taliban) and BLA are coordinating, if not colluding. Unsurprisingly, India is being accused of being involved in the latest and previous attacks,'' he says.

Islamabad has repeatedly blamed India for providing financial support to the secessionists and Iran of allowing them safe hideouts. India has officially maintained these allegations don't merit any serious consideration and that Pakistan must introspect its own support to terrorism.

Pakistan remains under attack from the TTP in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and the army has been worried for the past few years about a developing nexus between Baloch separatists and the TTP in Balochistan, which is home to a sizeable Pashtun population as well. TTP has cheered attacks by Baloch militants, accused Pakistan army of carrying out massacres in Balochistan and said groups like BLA and TTP have a common enemy. BLA has been designated as a terrorist group by both the US and UK.

The site of a blast carried out by Baloch separatists in the province last week



The China Angle

Not surprisingly, China was quick to condemn the attacks, saying it's prepared to enhance counterterrorism and security cooperation with Pakistan to jointly uphold regional peace and security. Pakistan's hopes of turning the resource-rich Balochistan, its largest and most backward province, into an economic and energy hub have hinged on the BRI's flagship $60 billion China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The CPEC projects, however, have been marred by violent insurgency.

TOI Explains

CPEC facilities, along with Chinese engineers and workers, have been targeted by the BLA and other insurgent groups that accuse China of arming Pakistan against Baloch separatists and of working with Islamabad to exploit the natural resources of the province, while aiding the marginalisation of the local people. Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif accused the separatists of working to scuttle the CPEC in his remarks on the latest attacks. With the BLA displaying greater operational capacity in the form of multiple attacks across the province, the CPEC, including the centrepiece Gwadar port, will remain vulnerable to the threat of violence.

What Pakistan Can Do

Balochistan, which accounts for more than 40% of Pakistan's land mass but only 6% of the population, has a long history of political unrest, as insurgency seeking a separate Baloch state dates to the time of independence. Economic oppression, anti-Punjabi sentiment, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and the plain inacceptance of the idea of Baloch nationalism have all contributed to the insurgency that is now jostling with traditionally more high-profile issues like Pakistan's role in Afghanistan for international limelight.

In the interest of regional, particularly its own, stability, Pakistan must find a way to politically address the Baloch discontent, instead of subjugating the local population with its militarist approach. To begin with, it must look into their grievances, particularly exploitation of resources which remains a sensitive issue. Insurgency has been boosted by the perception among the local people that they are being denied benefits of the exploration of Balochistan's considerable mineral resources.

While the army for now remains formidable enough to prevent any potential Balkanisation of Pakistan, it must encourage the federal government to enter a meaningful dialogue with the Baloch nationalists to mitigate violence and look at ways to finding a long-term solution, despite the seemingly intractable nature of the conflict. The Baloch people, with their distinct identity, have traditionally been seen as secular and it's in Pakistan's interest to ensure they don't work with groups like the TTP which are driven by extremist religious ideology.

Pakistan also has to find a way to engage civil rights groups like the Baloch Yakjehti Committee that want to peacefully raise issues like enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.

Implication For India?

Pakistan will continue to accuse India of funding the BLA. In the past, it has justified crackdown on the separatists by talking up their alleged links with the ``enemy''. India will of course closely follow how the Pakistan army reacts to the Baloch escalation, as it guards against any attempt to disrupt the assembly polls in J&K. There has been a series of recent terror attacks in Jammu, leading PM Narendra Modi to warn Pakistan against using terrorism or proxy war against India. India believes Pakistan must introspect why attacks have increased in both Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan since the return of Afghan Taliban to Kabul, a development that Pakistan thought portended the return of its strategic depth in Afghanistan.

DAILY PLANET

Philippine Coast Guard via AP

CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES TRADE BLAME: In this image taken from a handout video provided by the Philippine Coast Guard, a Chinese Coast Guard ship (right) collides with Philippine Coast Guard vessel BRP Teresa Magbanua near the Sabina Shoal at the disputed South China Sea on Saturday. Both countries blamed each other for deliberately ramming their ships, the latest in a spate of similar incidents in recent weeks. Meanwhile, Japan lodged a formal protest via China's embassy against what it called an incursion by a Chinese survey ship into its territorial waters Saturday. AP

Fatman Scoop, US rapper, collapses on stage, dies

US rapper Fatman Scoop has died, his manager announced Saturday, after the 53-year-old artist suffered a medical emergency while performing on stage. Scoop, best known for the hit tracks "Be Faithful" and "It Takes Scoop," collapsed on stage at Hamden Town Center Park, Connecticut and was taken to hospital where doctors were unable to revive him, US media reported. Medical staff apparently attempted to administer CPR while he was still on the stage, according to a video of the incident.

Nun who challenged Pope on ordaining women dies: Sister Theresa Kane, a Roman Catholic nun who called on her fellow sisters to push for ordination, and who led by example when, while introducing Pope John Paul II during his 1979 visit to the United States, she publicly challenged him to let women serve as priests, died Aug 22 in Watchung, New Jersey. She was 87. Kane embraced the feminist movement of the 1970s, and she was among the first prominent church figures to champion LGBTQ+ Catholics.

Trouble for PIO MP after he rents flats infested with mould, fleas

Naomi Canton

London: A newly elected Labour British Sikh MP is accused of being a slum landlord after a BBC investigation claimed his tenants were living in flats infested with mould and fleas.

Athwal, 60, was born in Punjab into a Sikh family. He lived there until his family relocated to Ilford in 1970 when he was seven. In July he was elected as MP to represent Ilford South. He rents out 15 flats in London.

A BBC reporter went to visit his flats above a shop in Redbridge, East London, and was met with black mould growing on the bathroom ceilings, sometimes with ant infestations on top, lights broken, fire alarms hanging loose from the ceiling, and a washing machine dumped next the stairs. Tenants complained that both Athwal and his property agent were unresponsive when they raised complaints and they were afraid of being evicted if they spoke out.

In a statement Athwal said: "I'm proud to rent out homes with secure tenancies at below-market rents. I'm shocked at the reported condition of a number of the properties and have asked the agent for an explanation and immediate action to rectify any issues."

Namibia, facing drought, plans to kill elephants for meat

The southern African nation of Namibia is planning to butcher hundreds of its most majestic animals to feed some of the 1.4 million people — nearly half the country — who are in a hunger crisis amid the worst drought in a century.

The plan, under which the country will kill 723 wild animals, including 83 elephants, to feed people, is "necessary" and "in line with our constitutional mandate where our natural resources are used for the benefit of citizens," the country's ministry of environment, forestry and tourism said in a news release.

This strategy is not unheard-of. "Well-managed, sustainable harvesting of healthy wild animal populations can be a precious source of food for communities," Rose Mwebaza, the director of the United Nations Environment Programme's Africa Office, wrote in an email.

Much of southern Africa is being affected by drought. More than 30 million people across the region are affected, the UN World Food Program said in June. "There is no food," said Juliane Zeidler, the country director of the World Wildlife Fund in Namibia.

As the drought dries out staple crops and kills livestock in the region, Namibia is looking past agriculture to its wild animals for food.

NYT

In addition to elephants, the country also plans to butcher 300 zebras, 30 hippos, 50 impalas, 60 buffaloes, 100 blue wildebeest and 100 elands (a type of antelope)

The animals are not just being killed for meat. Namibia is also trying to minimize dangerous encounters with humans which, it said, would be expected to increase during the drought as animals and humans sought out water and vegetation.

The situation is dire. Last week, a United Nations spokesperson said that 84% of Namibia's food resources were "already exhausted."

Namibia's turn to wild game is nothing new. People in the region eat at least some of the animals listed in the environmental ministry's cull list, like zebra, blue wildebeest and impala, according to a recent Namibian government report on the country's game meat industry. NYT

Leonard Riggio of Barnes & Noble, who upended publishing, dies

Leonard Riggio, the brash and literary-minded businessperson who, in founding the giant Barnes & Noble retail chain, transformed the business of selling books as thoroughly as the rise of the paperback once did, and who was cast as both a hero and a villain for doing so, died Tuesday in Manhattan. He was 83.

Riggio, a son of a cabbie, was just 30 in 1971 when he bought a fusty half-century-old bookstore in lower Manhattan called Barnes & Noble and began turning it into a literary behemoth. Within decades, it was the largest bookseller in the US, with hundreds of superstores that more resembled department stores than your typical bookstore: Each one offered thousands of titles, along with cappuccino, snacks and stationery. (It helped that there were public bathrooms.)

The company's strong-arm practices upended the industry. Thousands of independent bookstores went out of business as Barnes & Noble grew. And Riggio — a dapper Brooklyn-raised liberal — found himself vilified as the publishing's most heinous guy and as a neighbourhood killer and a philistine. NYT

Alexandre de Moraes: The judge who shut down Twitter in Brazil

With his stern gaze and shiny-bald head, Supreme Court judge Alexandre de Moraes has emerged as one of the most powerful and polarizing people in Brazil by probing far-right ex-president Jair Bolsonaro's alleged attacks on democracy. The latest target in his disinformation crackdown: Elon Musk.

The billionaire X owner, who calls himself a "free-speech absolutist," in recent months went on with attack against Moraes, labelling him a dictator and threatening to defy the judge's rulings blocking users found to be spreading disinformation — largely Bolsonaro supporters.

Moraes on Friday ordered the suspension of X, formerly known as Twitter, following a months-long standoff with the tech titan over disinformation in South America's largest nation. The block on X started to take effect early Saturday.

Musk, who also owns Tesla and SpaceX, reacted with fury to the judge's order, branding Moraes an "evil dictator cosplaying as a judge" and accusing him of "trying to destroy democracy in Brazil."

Known by his nickname, "Xandao," Moraes, 55, looms large over the fissures of a deeply divided Brazil. The immensely powerful judge, who also heads the Superior Electoral Tribunal (TSE), is hated by the far right, which accuses him of censorship and abuse of office. To others, he is a hero using the bench to save Brazil's young democracy. There was little in Moraes's background to hint he would become a conservative nemesis.

The constitutional law expert worked as a Sao Paulo state prosecutor, then went on to become state security secretary. Known as a hardliner, he drew criticism from left-wing activists, who accused him of repressing social movements.

He served as justice minister under centre-right ex-president Michel Temer, who named him to the Supreme Court in 2017. "Legal expertise has played a part in his meteoric rise, but what put him on the Supreme Court, and 99% of his career, is politics. He's a political animal," said constitutional law expert Antonio Carlos de Freitas.

Despite his severe demeanor, Moraes is known for a sense of humor behind the scenes. Supreme Court insiders call him a pragmatist with a gift for engaging in dialogue with various players, including the military. AFP

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Brazil starts blocking Elon Musk's social media platform X, making it largely inaccessible on both web and through its mobile app, after the company refused to comply with a judge's order, **INSIDE JACKET**

Actor Mohanlal, in his first reaction to allegations of harassment after release of Hema panel report, says Malayalam film industry is going through a 'huge crisis' and it **is unfair to blame Association of Malayalam Movie Artists alone**, **P 15**

Rubina Francis adds one more medal to India's tally in Paris as the shooter clinches bronze in the women's 10m air pistol event (SH1) category in the Paralympic Games, **P 26**

Ayush Badoni (165, in pic) smashes a record-breaking 19 sixes while Priyansh Arya (120) hits six maximums in an over, taking South Delhi Superstarz to second-highest T20 total ever of 308/5 against North Delhi Strikers in Delhi Premier League, **P 27**

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Govt's resolve to reform has only got stronger, says PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Saturday vowed to press ahead with reforms, with a focus on high growth and stable policies, to realise the dreams of a developed country and asserted that the "resolve has only got stronger" in his third term.

"I can only assure you that the resolve is stronger and like our citizens, govt is full of hope and confidence," he said, in yet another put-down to suggestions that lower numbers in Lok Sabha would sap his ambition and energy for reforms.

At the inaugural ET World Leaders Forum, Modi said the third decade of the 21st century was a "lift-up decade for India" and sought support from business leaders to take forward the development story.

ET WORLD LEADERS FORUM FULL COVERAGE | P 19

"By 2047, we have vowed to make India a developed country. We want more and more Indian companies to emerge as global brands. Our promise is to facilitate, you promise to innovate. Our promise is to reform, you promise to perform. Our promise is to give stable policies, you promise positive disruption. Our promise is to focus on high growth, you promise high quality. Think big, we have to write many success stories together," he said.

TOI

'WE'LL REFORM, YOU PERFORM': PM Modi addresses the inaugural ET Forum on Saturday

▶India will be among top 10 global destinations in 5 yrs: Shekhawat, P 19

▶ 'Want India-made products', P 19

World has a China problem, but India's is special: EAM

Foreign minister S Jaishankar said Saturday it was "common sense" to put Chinese investment under scrutiny, because of the border issue and state of bilateral relations. He said even countries which don't have a "special problem" with China do the same. Jaishankar said there's a thin line between economic and security issues, and that "India has a special China problem... over and above the world's general China problem". **P 19**

New scheme to boost mfg of electronics parts: Vaishnaw

Govt is set to roll out a scheme for domestic manufacturing of components for electronic gadgets as it seeks to replicate the success of domestic mobile production, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. He urged industry leaders to put "three times more effort" to ensure India's economic growth remains in the range of 6-8% in the next decade. **P 19**

North India likely to see heavy rainfall in Sept, cautions IMD

New Delhi: Continuing its Aug trend, **monsoon rainfall in most parts of the country in Sept is likely to be 'above normal'**, with some states, including Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and parts of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, expecting extremely heavy rainfall that could lead to floods and landslides, India Meteorological Department said Saturday. India reported 16% more than 'normal' rainfall in Aug, the fifth highest in the month since 2001 and 29th highest since 1901, **reports Vishwa Mohan**.

Good rains (287mm) in Aug, however, could not bring down the overall temperature during the month as it reported the highest average minimum temperature and fourth-highest average mean temperature since 1901.

▶Good for rabi crops, P 26

More rain expected in Guj, toll now 47

Respite from downpours is expected to be short-lived as Gujarat will get heavy rain from Sunday, even as the toll in the five days of torrential showers till Aug 29 climbed to 47. Heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Saurashtra, central Gujarat and south Gujarat till Sept 5. **P 18**

8 killed as record rain batters Andhra

Eight people were killed Saturday as record rain under the influence of a low pressure area pounded Andhra since Friday night, causing flooding, landslides, power outages, and transport disruptions. IMD predicted more rain for Sunday. **P 18**

Dharmendra appointed Delhi chief secy

The Centre appointed Dharmendra, a senior IAS officer from 1989-batch AGMUT cadre, as new chief secretary of Delhi govt Saturday. Prior to his transfer to Delhi, Dharmendra served as Arunachal chief secretary. He takes over his new posting in the lead-up to assembly polls in Feb. Dharmendra's appointment coincides with the end of his predecessor Naresh Kumar's 3-month extended tenure. **P 3**

47 Indians saved from Laos cyber fraud centres

At least 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres in Laos have been rescued from the country's Bokeo province, the Indian embassy said Saturday. Of these, 29 were handed over by Laos authorities while 18 approached the mission seeking help, the embassy said. The Indian mission has so far rescued 635 Indians in the southeast Asian country. **P 15**

Defective copter, airlifted by Mi-17 for repair, crashes

A defective helicopter of a private aviation company, being airlifted by an IAF Mi-17 chopper for repairs, crashed near the Mandakini river, close to the Tharu base camp in Lincholi, narrowly missing a group of pilgrims and locals on the Kedarnath route around 7am on Saturday, **reports Kautilya Singh.** There were no passengers or luggage on board the defective helicopter. **P 15**

Minto Road closed till Sept 2 for PWD repairs

Minto Road will be closed till Sept 2 for repair of deep potholes under Minto Bridge by PWD. Traffic would be diverted from Connaught Place Outer Circle and from Minto Road to DDU Marg, traffic police said. Routes suggested are JLN Marg, Barakhamba Road and Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg (Tilak Bridge). **P 5**

Manipur BJP neta's house set on fire

A group of attackers vandalised and set fire to the ancestral house of Manipur BJP spokesperson from the Thadou tribe T Michael Lamjathang Haokip in Churachandpur district Saturday. This is the third time Haokip's house has been attacked. **P 15**

Biker on solo Leh trip dies of O_2 shortage

A 27-year-old man who was on a solo bike trip to Leh died Thursday after complications arising due to "lack of oxygen". On Monday, as he was approaching Leh, he told his family he had a headache. Later, he called from his hotel in Leh, reporting breathing difficulties. TNN

HC asks son to leave house of 80-yr-old

Delhi high court recently directed an 80-year-old woman's son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren to vacate the house after she alleged harassment and ill-treatment by them. The woman said their marital discord was stressful, akin to a "slow death". **P 8**

SC to CBI: Probe ASI U-turn on Def Col monument

Doubting the bona fide of the ASI as also the central govt, which in 2004 had favoured protecting the Lodi-era monument of Shaikh Ali 'Gumti' in Defence Colony in Delhi but changed their stand in 2008, Supreme Court has directed a CBI inquiry to find out under what circumstances the authorities took a U-turn on the issue. The SC took exception to the monument — which is believed to be over 500 years old — being occupied by Def Col Welfare Association since 1963. **P 2**

EC defers Haryana polls to Oct 5, counting Oct 8

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New Delhi: Election Commission on Saturday rescheduled the polling date in Haryana to Oct 5 to secure the voting rights of the state's sizable Bishnoi community, and accordingly revised the counting date for Haryana and J&K to Oct 8.

▶After Champai, another JMM veteran joins BJP, P 17

The decision followed representations a week ago from parties like BJP and INLD, as well as All India Bishnoi Mahasabha. EC has adjusted election dates to respect the sentiments of various communities in the past too.

▶Bishnoi tradition, P 19

9.5cr voters in Maha, less than 2% 1st-timers

Maharashtra has a little over 9.5 crore voters, according to the final electoral roll published Aug 30 ahead of the upcoming assembly polls. There are only 18.6 lakh in the 18-19 age group, less than 2% of the state's total voters. **P 18**

NDA allies slam Assam assembly call on namaz

Key NDA allies JD(U) and LJP have expressed their disagreement with Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and criticised the assembly's decision to discontinue its two-hour Friday break for Muslim MLAs to offer namaz. Sarma, however, defended the decision, saying it was reached through consensus among Hindu and Muslim MLAs. Slamming the move, JD(U) neta Neeraj Kumar said Himanta should instead focus on issues like poverty alleviation. **P 15**

2 minors among 7 held for lynching on beef suspicion

Kumar Mukesh | TNN

Hisar: Five men associated with a cow vigilante group have been arrested and two boys below 18 years of age detained for allegedly beating a 24-year-old migrant worker from Bengal named Sabir Malik to death in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri district on Aug 28. The lynching happened on the suspicion of migrant workers eating beef in the village.

CM Nayab Singh Saini condemned the crime Saturday, saying; "Mob lynching is unacceptable. We've implemented strict laws for cow safety and preservation."

▶CM condemns crime, P 26

Elderly man assaulted in train over 'beef' row

GRP detained three men Saturday following a viral video showing the manhandling of a 72-year-old passenger from the minority community on the Dhule-LTT Express on Aug 28. The attackers were heard questioning the man if he was carrying beef. **P 15**

Getting Funds No Walk In The Park: RWAs Left In The Lurch

Groups Scrounge For Funds As Upkeep Of Parks Turning Into A Challenge

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New Delhi: To maintain colony parks, a residents' welfare association of Sector-15, Rohini had to take a loan and even divert funds meant for other maintenance works in the area. The RWA has, however, not been paid any financial assistance by Municipal Corporation of Delhi for nearly five years now, and the pending amount is running into lakhs. This is the story of just one of the many RWAs in this situation.

Facing a significant cash deficit, MCD has been unable to pay Rs 8 crore to the residents' bodies under a public-private partnership scheme, which was introduced over a decade back to promote community involvement in the upkeep of neighbourhood parks. Of this amount, Rs 2 crore is pending in three zones—Rohini, Keshavpuram and Narela.

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Lakhvinder Singh, president of the D Block, Sector-15, Rohini RWA, said that they really had a tough time maintaining their parks and paying salaries to the gardeners. "Sixty months is not a small time, and we also have our limitations. We took over the maintenance of these parks because of our interest in developing them beautifully. But now, these have become a burden for us and MCD is least bothered to hear our pleas despite us sending it hundreds of reminders," he claimed, adding that the last instalment was paid in Dec 2019.

The civic body has registered a total of 1,315 residents' associations or groups under the scheme, and a majority of them have been unpaid for a minimum of two years. Under the scheme, it has to pay Rs 31,500 per month per acre to the groups maintaining the parks.

"With the uncertainty surrounding the payment of outstanding funds, residents are left in a quandary, unsure whether to terminate the contract or continue under the present circumstances. After repeated pursuance, we were lucky to get funds issued till Dec 2023 this week but the quality of maintenance naturally suffered in the absence of funds," said Vishal Rajpal of E Block, East of Kailash.

An MCD official, meanwhile, claimed that no RWA had surrendered municipal parks last year and those who adopted the parks under the scheme continued to maintain them. "We have pending payments running into crores, but these will be cleared soon after the availability of funds," said the official.

Residents further stated that MCD even lacked the personnel to remove waste from parks and equipment to perform basic pruning and mowing grass.

Neha Puri, president of Green Park Extension RWA, stated that even for mowing the overgrown grass at parks, they had to pay for diesel and staff to the corporation. "As per the norms of the scheme, the civic body was supposed to provide plants and manure also, but on the contrary, they are taking flowering plants from us. We are arranging everything on our own, including malis, plants, manure and even seeds and bulbs for parks," she claimed.

In Green Park Extension, funds have not been paid since Dec 2021 for five parks.

Bindu Sriram, president of Astha Kunj RWA in Sector-18, Rohini, couldn't hide her discontentment against the authorities concerned. "This is a gated colony with 13 parks. We can't leave them unattended, else residents will start questioning. We had even offered MCD to take over these parks, but they said that they did not have malis to maintain them. With limited collection done from the residents of the society, paying guards and malis in addition to other expenses has become a painful task for us," she said.

"MCD owes us Rs 16 lakh. The matter is very much in the knowledge of the local councillor, but we really don't know when the funds will be released," she added.

MCD OFFICIAL SAYS

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UNKEMPT GREENERY

15,000
Parks under MCD jurisdiction

1,315
Municipal parks are maintained by RWAs or NGOs under public-private partnership scheme

Scheme was introduced over a decade ago to promote community involvement in the upkeep of neighbourhood parks

It also aims at resolving frequent disputes over the substandard management and condition of parks due to insufficient staff

Green Park extension P Block

Other issues
RWAs/NGOs complain about lack of other assistance by horticulture dept, such as lifting green waste, mowing of grass and pruning of trees

They fear the condition of green spaces will deteriorate further if they move out of the scheme

Money matters
₹13,500 per acre is supposed to be paid by MCD for each park every month

Since 2019, MCD has not been consistent in releasing funds

₹8 crore (approx) is pending to RWAs/NGOs

Green Park extension L Block

East of Kailash E Block

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SC ASKS IT TO CHECK RWA 'OCCUPYING' 500-YEAR-OLD SITE

CBI to probe why Centre, ASI swayed on Lodi monument

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New Delhi: Doubting the bona fide of the Archaeological Survey of India and the central govt, which in 2004, first favoured the protection of the Lodi-era monument of Shaikh Ali 'Gumti' in Defence Colony in Delhi but later changed their stance in 2008, the Supreme Court directed a CBI inquiry to find out under what circumstances the authorities had done a U-turn on the issue.

A bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Ujjal Bhuyan also took exception to the monument, which is believed to be more than 500 year old, being occupied by Defence Colony Welfare Association (DCWA) since 1963 and has asked CBI to probe that aspect along with alteration and changes done to the structure over the years.

"We deem it fit that CBI be entrusted to initiate a preliminary enquiry on the following aspects: (i) How and under what circumstances did the Gumti come to be occupied by DCWA, as claimed, from 1963-64? (ii) How and under what circumstances, when the central govt and ASI had initially recommended that the Gumti be declared a protected monument, only on the purported basis of alterations/additions having been made by DCWA and the objection submitted by it, both ASI and the central government changed their stands? (iii) How and under what circumstances and on whose authority were additions/alterations made to the Gumti? (iv) Why appropriate steps were not taken and by which officer/authority to prevent additions/alterations in the Gumti?" the bench said.

Expressing "surprise at the turn of events" between 2004 and 2008, the court noted the competent body in 2004 recommended declaration of the structure as a monument of national importance and ASI favoured this. Later, however, ASI reported that because of alterations made by DCWA while occupying the structure, the Gumti had lost its originality and it was not feasible for ASI to protect it as a centrally protected monument. The central govt also decided that the Gumti could not be declared as a protected monument as major additions/alterations had been made by DCWA.

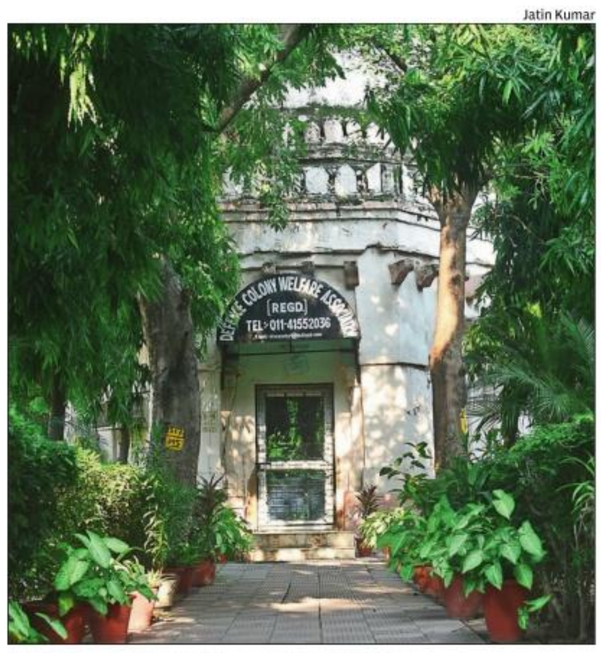
Noting the sequence of developments in the four years, the bench said, "This creates doubt about the bona fides of ASI as also the central govt, insofar as proper processing of the original proposal is concerned."

The court passed the order on a plea of Delhi resident Rajeev Suri who sought the court's intervention in the monument's protection. He had first moved Delhi High Court which rejected his plea, compelling him to move to the apex court.

" CBI shall also consider the views of the petitioner in the preliminary enquiry. Let CBI file a report on the outcome/progress of the afore-directed exercise within two months from today," the court ordered. "Needless to state, if in the interregnum, the official respondents concerned so desire, they will be at liberty to take steps to protect the Gumti in accordance with the law."

The Centre had initiated a process to protect the monument and issued a notice in Feb 2004 under Section 4(1) of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act to declare the Gumti of national importance and also sought objections from the public. DGCA objected to the proposal which led to cancellation of the process after a long chain of correspondence with ASI.

Jatin Kumar



The Defence Colony RWA has an office inside the complex

19-year-old stabbed by 7 boys over old altercation, all held

New Delhi: A 19-year-old youth was critically injured after being stabbed eight times by seven juveniles in south Delhi's Neb Sarai on Friday. Yash sustained multiple stab wounds and is in critical condition at a hospital. All accused have been apprehended.

Police said investigations revealed that Yash, a resident of Raju Park, and his friends had an altercation with two of the accused on Thursday and verbally abused and beat them up. In retaliation, the two boys, along with five associates, came back and attacked Yash with knives the following day.

A case has been filed under BNS section 109 (attempt to murder). Four knives used in the attack have been seized. TNN

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Bus Queues Bother All At Kashmere Gate

LG Orders Changes At ISBT To Reduce Turnaround Time To 30 Minutes, Ease Congestion

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New Delhi: The Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) at Kashmere Gate in north Delhi has an extended turnaround time, with inter-state buses currently taking 45-60 minutes to reach and leave the bays. As a result, the buses line up on the nearby roads, causing traffic congestion in the surrounding areas. This situation has led to inconvenience for both motorists and local residents.

In response to this problem, lieutenant governor VK Saxena instructed the transport commissioner and Delhi Transport Corporation on Saturday to reduce the turnaround time for the buses to 30 minutes. This reduction is expected to increase the circulation of buses by more than 50%, alleviating the congestion problem.

At present, the terminal at Kashmere Gate caters to over 2,600 buses from its 60 bays, of which around 1,300 come from other states, 1,200 are DTC and Cluster Scheme buses and nearly a hundred are all India tourist permit holders. The if the turnaround is reduced to 30 minutes, ISBT will be able to handle over 1,900 instead of the 1,300 inter-state buses every day, claimed a Raj Niwas official.

On Saturday, Saxena inspected the passenger facilities and the functioning of both local and inter-state buses from the terminal and noted the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing there. The terminal has inadequate maintenance, poor sanitation and its passenger walkways have been encroached by unauthorised vendors. Expressing displeasure at these, LG directed the officials in charge to undertake a comprehensive overhaul of the terminal facilities.

He followed this up with a foot inspection of Rani Jhansi Road, starting from Azad Market and up to the Pusa Road intersection, passing through the Faiz Road intersection and Idgah.

According to a senior Raj Niwas official, the excessively long turnaround at ISBT appeared to significantly increase congestion outside the terminal.

Saxena ordered a comprehensive cleaning exercise to be undertaken within 15 days. This would include repairing the false ceiling and broken tiles, greening the unused spaces and removing stains and litter. He also directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Police to prevent illegal occupation of passenger and busways.

On his walk on Rani Jhansi Road, LG encountered problems such as encroachment of road space, disrepair of pavements and central verges, poor road condition around the Faiz Road intersection, disrepair of the fortification on the side of Idgah, stray cattle and the absence of traffic police. These factors significantly impacted the circulation of traffic on the road, leading to massive traffic jams.

Noting that this had a cascading effect on a wider area, including Pul Bangash, Sabzi Mandi, Azad Market, Sadar Bazar and Malka Ganj, Saxena issued instructions for all these issues to be resolved promptly through inter-departmental/agency coordination among MCD, PWD, traffic police and other relevant authorities.

NOT A PERFECT STATE: ISBT caters to over 2,600 buses daily from 60 bays. Each bus takes 45-60 minutes to reach and leave a bay

MCD Swachhata drive from Sept 14

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: MCD will launch the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign from Sept 14 to Oct 1 in all zones. Sanitation-related activities will be carried out.

According to officials, 'Sampoorna Swachhata' through Shramdaan — mega cleanliness drives and time-bound transformation of difficult and dirty spots — will be achieved through volunteerism and partnership mobilisation.

Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivirs and preventive health checkups will be organised, linking with various welfare schemes of Central and State govt.

"In preparation for this programme, all zones will prepare an action plan. The plan will encompass the three key components of the campaign, ensuring the involvement of all zonal departments and all public representatives," said an official.

'89-batch Dharmendra Delhi's new chief secy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Senior IAS officer Dharmendra was appointed as Delhi govt's new chief secretary by Centre on Saturday. The tenure of Naresh Kumar, a 1987-batch officer who was given two extensions in the past, ended on Aug 31.

Dharmendra, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) cadre, was Arunachal Pradesh's chief secretary before being transferred to Delhi. He is among the senior-most AGMUT cadre officers and is taking charge as the Delhi chief secretary ahead of the assembly polls due in Feb.

NEW ROLE: Dharmendra has worked for both Delhi govt departments and NDMC

A civil engineer who later entered bureaucracy, Dharmendra, during his previous stint in Delhi govt, held various posts, including secretary in the revenue; irrigation and flood control; and industries departments. He was chairman of New Delhi Municipal Council before being transferred to Arunachal Pradesh in April 2022. He also served in the housing and urban affairs and the consumer affairs ministries.

Dharmendra has worked for both Delhi govt and Centre. In Delhi govt, he worked in important departments like revenue, urban development and Delhi Municipal Corporation. Dharmendra had taken over as divisional commissioner and secretary in the revenue department in Delhi govt.

"With the approval of the competent authority, Dharmendra, IAS (AGMUT 1989), is hereby transferred from Arunachal Pradesh to Delhi and posted as chief secretary, GNCTD, with effect from Sept 1 or with effect from the date of joining, whichever is later," according to the Union ministry of home affairs order issued on Saturday.

Dharmendra's appointment came on the day his predecessor's three-month extended tenure came to an end. There was speculation over a further extension in view of the polls. Naresh Kumar retired in Nov last year. Kumar was first given an extension of six months and received another in May for three months when the model code of conduct was in place due to the general elections.

As chief secretary, Kumar was at loggerheads with the AAP dispensation over a host of issues, with the party fiercely attacking him and levelling allegations of corruption against him. Senior officials in Delhi govt said Dharmendra would require fine balancing skills, being the crucial link between the warring AAP dispensation and the LG's office.

AAP govt last year filed a plea in the apex court against any move by Centre to appoint a new official or to extend Kumar's tenure without consulting it. The court upheld the Centre's decision to extend Kumar's tenure by six months, observing it cannot be said to be violating the law.

Gahlot checks Tihar condition

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Kailash Gahlot on Saturday visited Tihar Jail to assess the living conditions of inmates, staff welfare, and the overall facilities provided by Govt of National Capital Territory (GNCT) of Delhi.

Following his visit, Gahlot said, "Under the leadership of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi govt is committed to prison reform. Our visit to Tihar Jail is yet another step towards improving prison conditions and ensuring that inmates are given the necessary resources to reform themselves." He further added, "We believe that every individual has the potential to reform, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the necessary resources to do so. I am confident that with the collective efforts of our govt, prison authorities, and citizens, we can create a more just and equitable society."

The minister emphasized on Kejriwal govt's dedication to implementing positive interventions in the lives of inmates, including skill development, health initiatives, and programmes focused on psychological support, education, and social reintegration. The ultimate aim is to transform Delhi's central jails from punitive institutions into rehabilitative and reformative environments, he said.

Gahlot expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far and assured that govt will continue to prioritise the welfare of both inmates and staff in all future initiatives.

Medical equipment thief held

New Delhi: Saket police station has arrested a man who used to allegedly steal expensive medical equipment from hospitals, posing as a medical equipment officer. The case was registered on Aug 19. ANI

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Court upholds conviction, orders jail for ex-MLA Khan

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New Delhi: A court on Friday dismissed an appeal by former MLA Asif Mohammad Khan and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in a case related to the encroachment on a DDA land in Jasola village.

The court of additional sessions judge Vishal Singh upheld the conviction order passed by a magisterial court in 2018 and also directed Khan to pay Rs 5 lakh compensation to Delhi Development Authority.

On Jan 20, 2018, a magisterial court convicted Khan under sections 427 (mischief causing damage amounting to Rs 50 or more), 447 (criminal trespass) and 434 (mischief by destroying or moving a landmark fixed by public authority) of Indian Penal Code and under Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984. On Feb 5, 2018, he was sentenced to simple imprisonment of six months along with fines of Rs 20,500 under various sections. All the sentences were to run concurrently. Khan had challenged the orders.

The prosecution said Khan had removed the barbed wire fencing of 6 feet x 30 feet placed around a DDA land by the authority and constructed a concrete platform on it

According to the prosecution, Khan had removed/destroyed the barbed wire fencing of 6 feet x 30 feet placed around a DDA land by the authority. Khan encroached upon the govt land and constructed a pucca concrete platform on it, it said. An FIR was registered at Jamia Nagar police station on Nov 23, 2007 on the complaint of Subhash Chandra, director (land management) of DDA.

Senior advocate Ramesh Gupta and advocate Tanvir Ahmed Khan, appearing for Khan, submitted before the court that the trial court could not have relied on the testimony of a prosecution witness, retired sub-inspector Hans Raj, as he did not complete his testimony and did not make himself available for cross-examination by the accused.

However, the court observed that the offence of trespass and mischief was proved by DDA officials and another prosecution witness. Discarding the testimony of Raj would not adversely affect the prosecution case, it pointed out.

Noting that the trial court had rightly appreciated the evidence to convict Khan and that the judgment of his conviction is just and well-reasoned, the sessions court said, "In view of the testimonies of prosecution witnesses and documentary evidence, the prosecution was able to bring home the charged offence against the appellant."

Rejecting Khan's arguments, it said, "There is no substance in arguments that the uprooted barbed wire was not seized by the investigation officer and no photograph of the alleged encroachment was taken."

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Stress & Absence Of Work-Life Balance Affect Mental Health

Lack Of Appreciation Makes It A Thankless Job, Leads To Despondency

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New Delhi: Stressful working hours. Going without food for long hours. Inadequate diet. Sleep deprivation. Lack of rest and recuperation. Academic stress. These were some of the conditions that cause high stress level among resident doctors as reported by the *Indian Journal of Psychiatry* in 2021.

A senior resident at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital in east Delhi admitted that mental strain is particularly acute among overworked residents in clinical departments such as surgery, gynaecology, paediatrics, orthopaedics and medicine. The reality is markedly different for these doctors, underscored by a lack of acknowledgement for their hard work and a deficiency of personal and family time.

The challenging nature of their work and the unrelenting pressure they endure have a profound impact on the residents' well-being. The absence of a work-life balance and the difficulty in maintaining healthy relationships only worsen the situation. The senior resident stressed that these elements contributed to a higher probability of mental disorders among the overworked residents in these clinical departments.

A senior resident at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital was convinced that isolated academic or work-related stress aggravates the situation for many individuals who have difficulty coping with the mental burden, though there are other triggers too, such as interpersonal conflict, emotional stress, limited personal time and inadequate support. The resident emphasised that a combination of these elements, rather than solely academic or professional pressure, was more likely to result in mental health problems for the doctors.

Many students first experience psychological difficulties during their teenage years as medical students, with some facing the onset during competitive entrance exams but managing to cope initially. However, upon entering the medical field, where they must juggle their studies with performance expectations, mental setbacks can be triggered again. The extent of these challenges differs from individual to individual.

According to a recent survey conducted among postgraduate medical students by the National Medical Commission, around 19% of the stressed students expressed the need to cope with the burden through substance use, including tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and other drugs. The report said, "Hence, there is an urgent need to take measures to educate the students and also implement measures to curtail stress."

Some doctors are so affected by stress that, while there are no official figures available for resident doctors dying by suicide in Delhi, studies in the past indicate that this particular subset of healthcare workers has a suicide risk of 2.5 times that of the general population. Knowledge about lethal methods and access to potentially fatal drugs often push them to leave behind a life of stress.

HOW DISTRESSED THEY ARE

What the recent online survey by **National Medical Commission** says

31.2% medical postgraduate students report having suicidal thoughts

10.6% of them indicate making plans to attempt suicide within the past one year

4.4% attempted suicide in the past one year

15.3% of the students suffer from mental illness, which could get aggravated by the high levels of stress at the workplace

An analysis of doctor suicides between 2010 and 2019, published in *Indian Journal of Psychiatry* in 2021, revealed that a majority of those taking the extreme step were PG medical students. The NMC survey corroborated this when it reported 31.2% of PG students reported having suicidal thoughts and 4.4% even attempted suicide in the previous year. The report offered 40 recommendations to help the affected individuals, including offering 24/7 support through tele-MANAS, the govt counselling helpline.

RESIDENT DOCS LIVING HELL

According to a senior resident working in Maulana Azad Medical College, there is no denying that individual doctors grapple with depression and distress and some resort to drastic actions in coping with them.

The lack of acknowledgement about their work demeans their efforts. Unlike the corporate sector, where employees may receive recognitions such as "employee of the year" or "employee of the month", there are no established systems in place to acknowledge the industry of resident doctors. Even verbal praise is often missing in their case. The combination of constant labour and a lack of appreciation inevitably causes feelings of despondency and a sense of being overwhelmed.

But addressing mental health is not a simple task that is achieved through a single conversation over dinner. Like many other challenges in our society, it demands continuous effort, support and a comprehensive approach.

"Medical and engineering students are considered intelligent and such people are more ambitious. They are more vulnerable to psychological breakdown," noted Dr Ram Pratap Beniwal, psychiatry professor at RML, who treats two or three resident doctors every year for mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. "People with higher IQ levels may not possess strong everyday life skills. Engaging with society is essential for a well-rounded life. Highly intelligent individuals who focus exclusively on their studies and performance often find it challenging to navigate real-life situations effectively. Consequently, it is crucial to actively participate in social activities while pursuing academic and professional goals."

On August 28, a 30-year-old first-year MD student was found dead in his room at MAMC's old resident doctors' hostel. Preliminary probe indicated that Kumar died by suicide. Last year in December, a 25-year-old third year PG student of medicine also took his own life at Safdarjung Hospital. A suicide note recovered from the spot said the doctor was suffering from depression for two years. These are only two of several such cases, proof that the resident doctors find it hard, because of their punishing work conditions, to be both healer and to heal themselves.

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Light to moderate rain likely for 2 days, air quality may deteriorate

Times News Network

New Delhi: Light to moderate rain is likely on Sunday and Monday, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issuing a 'yellow' alert.

On Saturday, the city experienced sultry weather, with the maximum temperature reaching 35.6 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. The minimum temperature was 25.4 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. The relative humidity fluctuated between 59% and 92%.

No rainfall was recorded at any station in Delhi from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, though partly cloudy skies were observed in some parts of the city. "However, rain activity may intensify as light to moderate showers have been predicted for Sunday and Monday," said a Met official.

IMD cautioned that rain could cause minor traffic disruptions and increase the chance of vehicle accidents. Water accumulation may occur in low-lying areas and on roads due to light to moderate rain. "Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination. Avoid going to areas that often face waterlogging problems," advised the IMD.

The Met department's forecast indicates that the maximum temperature may dip to 33 degrees Celsius by Sept 4, while the minimum temperature may drop to 24 degrees Celsius.

91 WAS THE AQI ON SATURDAY

Delhi's air quality improved slightly on Saturday. The Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 91, within the 'satisfactory' category, compared to 102 in the 'moderate' category on Friday. However, according to the Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi (EWS), the air quality in the city is likely to deteriorate again to the 'moderate' category on Sunday.

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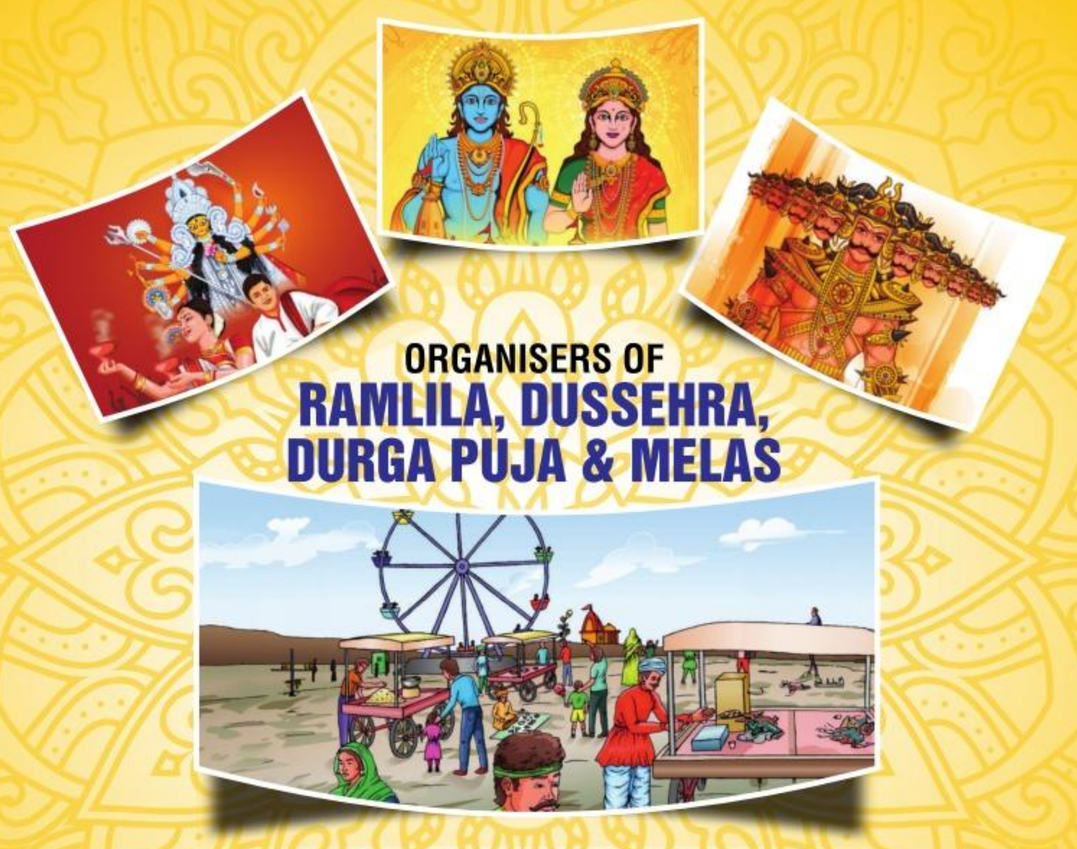

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No Entry Under Minto Bridge To Repair Crumbling Stretch

Key Waterlogging Spot To Remain Shut Till Sept 2 Morning

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Photos: Sanjeev Rastogi

Repair work (top) has started on the stretch under Minto Road bridge, which is full of cracks and potholes

New Delhi: Minto Bridge — a crucial artery linking old and New Delhi — has a reputation of sorts. It has become iconic as the symbol of the city's struggle with flooding. With the rainy season yet to be declared over, the bridge will be closed from Aug 31 night till Sept 2 morning to fill the numerous potholes that have emerged after the regular inundation throughout the monsoons. The closure of this road is certain to impact traffic flow in important central parts of the city.

Delhi Traffic Police has issued an advisory outlining diversions to be in operation during the bridge closure. Both carriageways on Minto Road will be blocked from Aug 31 to Sept 2 and vehicles will be rerouted through Outer Circle, Connaught Place and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg. The disruption will cause delays for motorists, particularly those travelling between Connaught Place and New Delhi Railway Station, as well as impacting those navigating the heavily used roads nearby.

Vehicles from Connaught Place via Minto Road will be diverted to Outer Circle and Barakhamba Road towards Turkman Gate/Kamla Market via Ranjeet Singh Flyover. Traffic from Kamla Market on Minto Road will be diverted to Ranjit Singh Marg and Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg (Tilak Bridge) towards Connaught Place via Ranjeet Singh Flyover, DDU Marg, and Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg.

Since Minto Bridge also connects Connaught Place with New Delhi Railway Station, passengers need to take heed. The alternative routes would be to go from the Connaught Place Outer Circle to the railway station through State Entry Road and Chelmsford Road, both of which are usually affected by heavy traffic congestion.

"The alternative route from Barakhamba Road is a simple one to be followed by commuters. They'll have to go straight instead of taking a left on Minto Road, and then they can use the Ranjeet Singh Flyover to move ahead," a traffic police officer said. "Traffic used to be heavy at Minto Bridge because the potholes and waterlogging slowed vehicular movement. The repair work is a good initiative, and it was much needed. We will try to ensure a smooth flow of traffic by enforcing diversions through the alternative routes."

Regular commuters will be inconvenienced. "I own a mobile shop in Mayur Vihar. I often go to Gaffar Market to buy mobile accessories and use Minto Road. Now it will take more time to reach the market and that will affect my business," grumbled Neeraj Gupta, 36.

Ashok Kumar, another motorist said, "I was going to Connaught Place for some work and had thought I would finish my work during the office lunch break. Now I will have to go back, and my work has been delayed, for which I will have to come some other day." He said it usually took him an hour to travel from Noida to Jantar Mantar, but due to the closure of Minto Bridge, he now would have to add 20-30 minutes to the trip.

The road under Minto Bridge, always known for its submergence in heavy rains, is badly damaged. The underpass has been identified as one of the top 10 waterlogging hotspots in the city, with the road-owning agency, Public Works Department, failing to remedy the situation.

In the monsoon season this year, a series of cracks and potholes appeared on the surface of the road but this could not be repaired because PWD usually avoids road repair during the rains because the bitumen does not adhere to the subsurface. "The road is extremely dangerous for two-wheeler users," said Bahadur, who was on a motorcycle.

The bell mouths of the drains on the site have been opened to allow the rainwater to flow to the underground sump and the gaps on the footpath have been covered with concrete slabs. However, in some places, these gaps still pose a threat to pedestrians.

In 2020, a 56-year-old man died when his mini truck was trapped in the accumulated water at Minto Bridge. Certain protocols were put in place to this yearly embarrassment, but these measures did not fail to stop the expected flooding. "The traffic police placed barricades to check vehicles here, but when there's heavy vehicular movement, the barricades are removed," a PWD official said.

Fire in 4th floor flat, nobody hurt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A fire erupted in a flat on the fourth floor of a multistorey building in west Delhi's Vikaspuri on Saturday morning. The blaze which broke out at 8.10am, caused extensive damage to household items. However, no casualties were reported.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) officers said that they received an emergency call at 8.10am and promptly dispatched nine fire tenders and 54 firefighters to the scene. The multi-storey building, which consists of about 10 floors, with each floor housing 3-4 flats, posed significant challenges for the fire crew. The affected fourth floor was locked from the outside which complicated the efforts to control the flames.

A fire officer at the scene said that around 60-70 residents had to be evacuated from the building. The evacuation was complicated by the presence of central locks on some doors, which required forcible entry to ensure that no one remained inside. The fire, which rapidly spread from the fourth floor to other parts of the building, led to thick smoke filling the structure and creating hazardous conditions for residents trying to escape.

The firefighters worked tirelessly for an hour to bring the blaze under control. Initial investigations suggest a short circuit in the flat as the cause of the fire.

Wife absent, 68-yr-old man found dead at home

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Police received a distress call at Malviya Nagar police station, where the son of the deceased was attempting to reach to his father by phone. Due to his father's unresponsiveness, the son decided to visit him in person.

After knocking on the door multiple times and receiving no response, he was concerned and contacted the police, reporting a potential suicide at the residence in B Block. Upon arriving at the scene, the cops found the house locked from the inside and had to receive the help of a locksmith to gain entry.

Malviya Nagar police said the man's son told them his father didn't open the door despite several knocks. Police broke the door to enter the house

Police discovered the body of Surendra Nath Tandon, aged 68, lying on the floor. There were injury marks on his wrists, raising suspicions about his death. Tandon had been residing alone since his wife went to stay with relatives following a minor altercation between the two last week.

The cops said that the absence of any signs of forced entry or struggle inside the house have initially suggested the possibility of suicide. Tandon was the owner of a building material business.

Police have preserved Tandon's body at All India Institute of Medical Sciences mortuary for a post-mortem examination. This procedure is crucial in determining the precise cause of death and ascertaining whether it was a suicide or chances of foul play involved. The authorities are currently awaiting the results of the post-mortem report, which will guide further legal actions and investigations.

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Missing 6-day-old girl found dead, lens on mother

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New Delhi: A 28-year-old woman allegedly murdered her six-day-old daughter in west Delhi's Khyala. She strangled her daughter while breastfeeding and then abandoned the infant's body. She also filed a missing complaint to mislead police and evade arrest. Her two daughters had died earlier.

The shocking incident came to light after the local police received a call regarding a "missing baby" around 5.30 am on Friday. Initial inquiries revealed that Shivani, the mother, who had recently been discharged from a hospital, had been staying at her parental home. She told cops that she had fed the baby around 2 am and later discovered the infant missing when she woke up at 4:30 am.

A police team was quickly formed to trace the "missing" baby. Meanwhile, police said, Shivani and her husband, Vimlesh, requested to go to the hospital to have Shivani's stitches removed—a request that seemed unusual but was not initially questioned due to her recent medical condition.

During the search, a bag was discovered on the terrace of an adjacent building. Inside, the body of the missing baby was found.

Suspicion arose regarding Shivani's behaviour, prompting police to send teams to various locations, including bus and metro stations, to trace the couple. "We suspected that she was trying to flee. Once located and interrogated, she broke down and confessed to the grim act. She revealed that her fourth daughter's birth had compounded the social stigma she faced. Two of her previous daughters had also died," DCP (West) Vichitra Veer said.

The DCP stated that Shivani confessed to strangling and smothering her baby while breastfeeding, driven by overwhelming negative thoughts. Unable to cope with the guilt and unsure how to explain the death to her family, she initially reported the child as missing.

A murder case has been filed against Shivani under Section 103 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police are awaiting the results of a post-mortem examination to confirm the cause of death. They were also arranging for counselling for Shivani, suspecting that her actions were driven by postpartum depression. Postpartum depression is a condition which affects many women after childbirth, characterised by prolonged feelings of sadness, anxiety and exhaustion. These symptoms can severely impact a mother's ability to care for herself and her baby.

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AAP & BJP Battle Over Winter Pollution Steps

BJP Says Rai Only Writing Letters, AAP Retorts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Saturday alleged that while the winter was approaching, environment minister Gopal Rai was only writing letters instead of taking concrete steps to ensure that air pollution remained under control during the season.

"In the past decade, due to Arvind Kejriwal's negligence, winter pollution in Delhi has escalated to such an extent that millions suffer from respiratory issues every year, and many even die unexpectedly. Last year saw the worst pollution levels in Delhi's history," he claimed.

Sachdeva said that based on the experience of pollution in the past decade, especially last year, Delhiites hoped that AAP govt would wake up in 2024, but it was "regrettable that Rai was merely sending letters and presenting some rehearsed points in press conferences to evade responsibility."

The Delhi BJP president said that winter pollution was a very serious issue and sincere long-term measures were needed to combat it. "It is necessary to work on a policy plan with neighbouring state govts to combat winter pollution."

Virendra Sachdeva

Sachdeva alleged that the necessary willpower, long-term arrangements and funds required to fight winter pollution were nowhere to be found in Rai's letters and press conference suggestions. "Rai has publicly disclosed two letters written to the Centre in the last fortnight, but he has not disclosed any letter that he might have written to Punjab govt regarding stubble burning, which is the biggest contributor to winter pollution in Delhi," he added.

Punjab's CM Bhagwant Mann belongs to AAP.

Over Rai urging central govt to hold a meeting to look into the feasibility of artificial rain, the Delhi BJP president further claimed that many environmental experts had already deemed the suggestion of artificial rain unnecessary and ineffective.

Hitting back at the remarks, AAP said, "Why is BJP avoiding the meeting? Rai, prioritising the interests of Delhiites, requested a meeting with the Union environment minister to meet and discuss measures for further reduction of pollution, but BJP is unfortunately running away from the meeting."

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"Does the Union environment minister have no time to meet, or is there another reason for the delay? We are preparing a 14-point winter action plan to address the situation when it arises, and 'artificial rain' happens to be one of them," stated the party. "Delhi govt requires specific permissions from BJP-led central govt to conduct artificial rain," it added.

"In the interest of the people of Delhi, it is crucial for all governing bodies to unite, setting aside boundaries and political affiliations," AAP said.

Real estate developer gets extortion call for ₹2 crore, case filed

New Delhi: A real estate developer in South Delhi's Vasant Vihar received a WhatsApp call from a man claiming to be US-based gangster Goldy Brar, demanded Rs 2 crore as "protection money". The incident was reported on Aug 30.

Initial probe suggests that the case may not be the handiwork of an imposter, and Brar is unlikely to have threatened the complainant. A police officer confirmed that the number used to send the threat has been traced to a location which is outside of India.

The developer reported the incident to police, and a case of extortion was filed. TNN

AI-powered device helps treat man with clot in blood

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 28-year-old man suffering from acute pulmonary thromboembolism (PE) due to a blood clot in his leg was successfully treated with a new AI-powered device.

Pulmonary thromboembolism, a form of pulmonary embolism (PE), occurs when a blood clot moves through the bloodstream and lodges in the lungs, potentially leading to irreversible harm. Doctors said that PE is among the most severe complications associated with blood clots. When a clot reaches the lungs, it can obstruct blood circulation and may result in significant damage or even death.

Dr VS Bedi, chairman of vascular surgery at Sir Ganga-ram Hospital, treated the patient using a device designed to remove blood clots with remarkable accuracy. "The AI in the machine helps it target only the clots, avoiding sucking of normal blood and reducing the risks of severe blood loss causing hypotension and other complications associated with older methods," he explained.

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Conventional treatments for pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis (DVT) have been associated with significant risks, often requiring procedures that carry dangers like bleeding and the need for repeated interventions.

The patient arrived at the hospital complaining of chest pain, breathing difficulty, and swelling in the left leg, which had persisted for three days. After seeking treatment at other hospitals without relief, the patient turned to Sir Gangaram Hospital.

Upon arrival, the patient was quickly taken for thrombosuction using the AI-powered device, which functions like a vacuum machine, sucking out all blood clots with minimal blood loss. This approach eliminates the need for inferior vena cava (IVC) filter insertion and thrombolytic agent infusion, both of which can have dangerous side effects, such as internal bleeding in the brain, intestines, and other bleeding disorders.

Dr Bedi emphasised that these conditions, involving blood clots in the legs and lungs, are serious and have become increasingly common due to modern lifestyles and travel.

Court: Prima facie, it seems Tytler instigated rioters to attack Sikhs

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New Delhi: A Delhi court, while ordering the framing of charges against Congress functionary Jagdish Tytler in a case pertaining to the killing of three Sikh men in Pul Bangash during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, said the material brought on record showed prima facie that the accused was a member of an unlawful assembly of persons at the gurdwara in that locality.

"He instigated and incited the mob to destroy/damage Gurdwara Pul Bangash, kill the Sikhs and loot their properties," said the court of special judge Rakesh Syal. The order was passed on Friday while a copy of the 57-page order was made available on Saturday.

Three Sikhs — Sardar Thakur Singh, Badal Singh and Gurcharan Singh — were burnt to death on Nov 1, 1984 in the mob violence that followed the assassination of then PM Indira Gandhi. The court said it appeared that Tytler incited the crowd with the words, "*Maro, maro*" and "*Pahle maro, phir luto* (Kill first, rob afterwards)", telling them the rioters could do anything to the gurdwara because the Sikhs had killed their "mother", or Indira Gandhi.

The court noted that Tytler instigated the rioters to use criminal force or violence against Sikhs. "Some members of the aforesaid unlawful assembly, of which the accused was a member, committed mischief by setting Gurdwara Pul Bangash on fire intending to cause or knowing it to be likely that they will thereby cause the destruction of the said building," the court observed.

The court rejected the contentions of Tytler's counsel that three key witnesses — Harpal Kaur, Harvinderjit Singh and Abdul Wahid — testified decades later to implicate the Congress leader. "As argued on behalf of the victim, discarding the statements of such witnesses, only on the ground of delay, will amount to compounding the injustice already done to them. In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, it is considered that the delay in naming the accused as the person who instigated and incited the violent riots against Sikhs cannot be a ground to discharge the accused," the court said.

Accepting the contention of the public prosecutor that due to fear, the eyewitnesses had not been able to depose truthfully before the various agencies, committees or commissions probing the riots, the court said it appeared that the first priority of the family members of the victims, witnesses to the incidents of killing and lootings, was their own and their family's safety.

The court also rejected the contention of the defence counsel that closure reports had been filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation absolving Tytler of any involvement in the events at Pul Bangash. The court held that the mere fact that closure reports were filed in respect of the accused did not, per se, entitle him to be discharged of the accusations.

The complainant in the case, Lakhwinder Kaur, wife of deceased Badal Singh, was represented by senior advocate HS Phoolka and advocate Gurbaksh Singh, while CBI was represented by public prosecutor Amit Jindal.

WHAT COURT SAID

- The main purpose of a court of justice is the discovery, vindication and establishment of truth. All other factors are subservient to the same
- Three witnesses, Harpal Kaur, Harvinderjit Singh and Abdul Wahid, have categorically stated about having seen Jagdish Tytler instigating and inciting a mob to destroy/burn Gurudwara Pul Bangash, kill Sikhs and loot their properties on Nov 1, 1984
- At the stage of charge, the court is not required to meticulously examine and appreciate the veracity of their statements
- From the material brought on record, it appears that Tytler... was a member of an assembly of thousands of persons and (their) common object was to cause destruction/damage to Gurudwara Pul Bangash, kill Sikhs and loot their properties
- There is sufficient material on record to show that in the violent anti-Sikh riots, after the assassination of Indira Gandhi, late Prime Minister of India, largescale targeted killing of Sikhs and burning and looting of their properties had taken place

WHAT CBI SUBMITTED

- The circumstances in the aftermath of murder of the then PM Indira Gandhi were such that the family members of the victims and the eyewitnesses of 1984 riots were so scared that they were not willing to depose against Tytler
- Later, with the passage of time and the change in circumstances, the said witnesses had given truthful statements

WHAT TYTLER ARGUED

- An agenda-driven exercise started after 2005
- There is an inordinate delay in recording the statement of witnesses, which is attributable to the conduct of the said witnesses and the investigation officer
- Party of the accused was not in power from 1989-1991, 1996-2004 and after 2014. Even when the accused was not in power, the witnesses did not come forward to speak against him

Coaching centre deaths: 6 sent to CBI custody

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New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday granted four-day custody of six people to CBI in a case related to the death of three UPSC aspirants in the basement of a coaching centre due to rainwater flooding in July.

The court of additional chief judicial magistrate Nishant Garg, while granting the custody, said custodial interrogation of the accused persons would be "necessary for the purpose of investigation and for ascertaining the role played by various individuals who might have been involved in corrupt practices or criminal negligence".

The accused who were remanded in CBI custody include the chief executive officer of Rau's IAS Study Circle, Abhishek Gupta, four joint owners of the basement of the coaching centre—Tajinder Singh, Harvinder Singh, Sarabjit Singh and Parvinder Singh—and another accused, Deshpal Singh. They will be produced before the court on Sept 4.

CBI moved an application seeking custody, saying their custody was needed for the purpose of investigation to move forward. In its remand application, CBI said the basement of the building was used as a library-cum-exam hall where students would spend extended periods for self-study and examinations. This usage was in direct contradiction to the occupancy certificate issued for the building, which clearly stated that the basement was to be used for specific purposes such as parking, household storage and a car lift.

Furthermore, CBI claimed that the building was being used to operate a coaching centre without the necessary fire safety certificate. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that a show-cause notice had been issued to the owner/occupier of the building due to violations of Delhi's Master Plan 2021 and the misuse of the property. In response to this notice, Gupta, the CEO of the coaching centre, applied for a fire safety certificate, which was subsequently issued by Delhi Fire Service on July 9.

Opposing the remand application, the counsels for all six accused submitted before the court that no specific ground or justification had been given by CBI for taking them into custody. Advocate Kaushal Jeet Kait, appearing for the four joint owners of the basement, submitted before the court that Sarabjit Singh had recently undergone surgery and was on medication, which should be allowed during his custody.

After hearing the submissions, the court directed that the accused persons would be medically examined as per rules and allowed the counsels of the accused persons to meet them for 30 minutes daily.

Gupta, along with Deshpal Singh, was arrested on July 28 and produced before the court, from where he was sent to judicial custody and has been in custody since then. The four joint owners were apprehended on the evening of July 28.

Agent lands in fake travel paper net

New Delhi: A Punjab-based travel agent was arrested on Saturday for his involvement in a fake travel document racket. The agent had provided counterfeit Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDCs) for his clients' trip to Birmingham, UK. The accused agent has been identified as Paramjeet Singh (27), a resident of Punjab, and the clients have been identified as Harmanjot Singh (22), Jaiveer Singh (19), Kulvinder Singh (43), and Dilsher Singh (19).

A police official said, "The CISF staff got a call regarding some passengers whose activities seemed suspicious. The staff questioned them, but the replies given by them were unsatisfactory. Upon scrutiny of their travel documents, the CDCs carried by them were found counterfeit," The clients disclosed that as per the agent's instructions, they had met Salman Abassi, who was working at the airport and had helped them in boarding their flight. Abassi was also held. TNN

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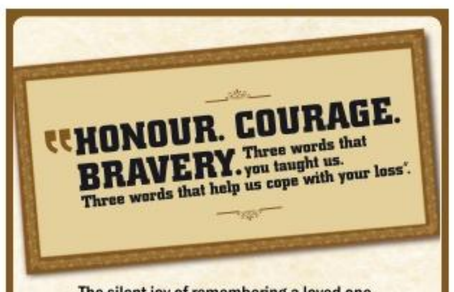

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HC orders man and his family to leave 80-yr-old mother's house

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has emphasised that senior citizens deserve a safe, dignified and neglect-free living environment, directing the son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren of an 80-year-old woman to vacate her house after she alleged harassment and ill-treatment at their hands.

"The case highlights a recurring social issue where matrimonial discord not only disrupts the lives of the couple involved but significantly affects senior citizens. In this instance, the elderly petitioners, at a vulnerable stage of their lives, faced undue distress due to persistent familial conflicts. This situation reflects the need to address the welfare of senior citizens amidst family disputes," observed Justice Sanjeev Narula.

The petitioner, invoking the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, stated she is the sole and registered owner of the property and that neither her son nor her daughter-in-law provided any care to her or her husband. She lamented that the ongoing marital discord between the son and the daughter-in-law was a constant source of discomfort and stress, akin to a "slow death".

In a recent order, HC noted that the right to residence of a daughter-in-law is not an indefeasible right and must be considered alongside the protections granted to senior citizens under the Senior Citizens Act, which allows the eviction of occupants causing them distress.

The court expressed concern over the petitioner's daily life, which was filled with neglect, health risks, and psychological distress.

Balancing the interests, the court directed the son to provide financial assistance of Rs 25,000 to his wife to help her secure alternative accommodation. "Once the financial support commences, Respondents number 3 to 6 (son, daughter-in-law, and two children) shall vacate the subject property and hand over vacant possession to the petitioner within two months," the order stated.

City Sees Monsoon Spike In Viral & Bacterial Infections

Docs Advise Timely Typhoid, Dengue Tests For Early Diagnosis

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The city has seen a surge in viral and bacterial infections recently, with medical experts pointing out that weather conditions during the monsoon create an environment conducive to the growth and transmission of such diseases.

While authorities have not released official data, doctors from various private hospitals noted a significant uptick in the number of people seeking medical attention, stressing they must take necessary precautions to protect themselves and their family members.

Physicians have encountered a range of illnesses at outpatient departments, including dengue, influenza, viral hepatitis, chikungunya and respiratory issues. Moreover, cases of bacterial infections such as typhoid and a few instances of leptospirosis which is caused by the Leptospira bacteria, transmitted through water contaminated with the urine of infected animals, have been reported. Covid cases also continue to be diagnosed.

Dr Rommel Tickoo, director of internal medicine at Max Super Speciality Hospital in Saket, said currently, 70% of patients with fever visiting the OPD are being diagnosed with either dengue or flu. Sporadic cases of Covid are also being reported, particularly among those who have recently travelled abroad.

Dr Tickoo emphasised the importance of timely testing for typhoid and dengue, as complications can arise if these are not diagnosed early. He advised dengue patients to take necessary precautions and ensure adequate water intake to avoid complications, stressing that the diseases can become life-threatening if not detected and treated promptly.

Dr Neeraj Nischal, a professor in the department of medicine at AIIMS, said, "Serious patients from nearby states are usually referred to hospitals with cases of typhoid, dengue, malaria and leptospirosis, which are commonly reported during this time of the year." He said leptospirosis cases often increase during the monsoon, especially in flood-prone areas, due to exposure to rodent urine-contaminated water, which leads to the bacterial infection.

Dr Neha Rastogi Panda from Fortis Memorial Research Institute, said "Leptospirosis symptoms are mostly mild and include fever, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, kidney and liver dysfunction, and jaundice. If left untreated, it can progress to severe conditions such as pneumonia, brain fever (meningitis) and bone marrow suppression. In critical cases, it can lead to multi-organ failure, making early intervention crucial." She noted a 30-45% rise in mosquito-borne diseases, particularly dengue and chikungunya, due to the rise in mosquito breeding sites during heavy rains.

According to Dr Suranjit Chatterjee from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, respiratory infections also increase due to higher humidity and mild growth. Urban areas with poor drainage systems often experience higher incidences of monsoon-related illnesses such as dengue, gastroenteritis and typhoid fever, he said.

Dr Gaurav Jain from Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Dharamshila, said, "Dengue accounts for 35% of monsoon-related diseases, followed by malaria at 20%, chikungunya at 5-8%, viral gastroenteritis at over 35%, and respiratory infections at 10%."

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

How to fight viral infections

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Maintain safe distance from those who are ill to reduce exposure to airborne viruses
- Wear masks, especially when experiencing respiratory symptoms. Masks prevent inhalation of airborne viruses and reduce spread of infections

Doctors' advice

- Use mosquito nets on doors and windows. Keep them shut during peak mosquito breeding hours – early morning and evening
- Dress children in light-coloured clothing that covers their arms and legs
- Use mosquito repellents before venturing outdoors at dusk and dawn. Those with allergies should avoid them
- Remove stagnant water from flower pots, cans, tyres, buckets and coolers on a weekly basis
- To prevent mosquito breeding, clean drains to prevent water stagnation, and cover septic tanks with a mesh

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

The Crow (Action, Dark Fantasy)
★★★
Cast: Bill Skarsgård, FKA twigs, Danny Huston
Direction: Rupert Sanders
Duration: 1 hour 53 minutes
Language: English (A)

Eric (Bill Skarsgård) and Shelly (FKA twigs), deeply in love, are violently separated by a tragic act of murder. Desperate to reunite with Shelly, Eric is faced with an impossible choice - surrender his own life to cross between the realms of the living and the dead. Driven by the pain of their loss, he embarks on a relentless quest to avenge the brutal end of their love. It's based on a graphic comic book series by James O'Barr.

The latest adaptation of *The Crow* is an intriguing retelling of a classic story. It starts with a captivating premise of two flawed individuals, Eric Draven and Shelly Webster, whose love story feels organic and deeply rooted in genuine chemistry. This relationship is the heartbeat of the film, with their moments together driving the narrative forward and providing the emotional anchor that holds the movie together.

The film is strongest when Eric and Shelly share the screen, their love palpable and their connection undeniable. For those unfamiliar with the original or previous reboot attempts, the plot might keep you guessing. However, fans of the story may find it somewhat predictable, as the overall narrative follows a familiar path.

Rupert Sanders, the director, seems enamored with the darkness that pervades the story. His direction brings a slow-burning, almost romanticised portrayal of this darkness, which is visually stunning and deeply impactful on the viewer. However, this indulgence also becomes the film's Achilles' heel. The narrative begins to drag, especially after the initial twist, with the pacing slowing to a crawl until the climax. It's only in the final act that the film regains its momentum, delivering a powerful and relentless conclusion. Bill Skarsgard is brilliant as the revengeful lover, who can go to any lengths to exact revenge for the love of his life. FKA Twigs exudes the kind of warmth, vulnerability and mystical strength that was needed for this violent love story.

As Eric embarks on his bloody quest for revenge, Sanders spares no detail in showcasing the carnage. The violence is graphic, with each act of revenge executed in a unique, brutal style. This relentless display of action is not for the faint-hearted, and it redeems the slower, more dialogue-heavy scenes that precede it. The intense action sequences are where the film truly shines, reminding the audience of the story's core as a revenge fantasy thriller.

The history of *The Crow* is tinged with tragedy, most notably the accidental death of Brandon Lee during the filming of the original 1994 movie. Thankfully, no such incidents marred the 2024 production. Yet, one can't help but feel that if the film had maintained the intense, action-packed energy throughout, it might have reached the iconic status of its predecessor. While visually and thematically impactful, the uneven pacing and extended lulls prevent this retelling from fully capturing the magic of the original.

— **Ronak Kotecha**

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RATING SCALE
TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★½ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★ | GOOD ★★★½ | VERY GOOD ★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★½ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

Understanding new laws crucial to move forward to ensure justice: AG

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Attorney General of India R Venkataramani on Saturday outlined the importance of three new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. He emphasised the importance of training and the balance between the liberty of citizens and the right to social justice.

Advocating the change for good, the AG said, "Change should bring good transition. Understanding of new laws is imperative to move forward to ensure justice and strike balance. I am glad to be among such legal luminaries, probationary judicial officers, police officers and administrative officials. We all should work together to evolve further and utilise our legal knowledge for the larger benefit of the people."

Venkataramani highlighted the major changes incorporated in the new laws, including recognition of international conventions and technological advancements, and highlighted the importance of digital evidence. He said all stakeholders must work in tandem and embrace technology.

The AG was speaking at a workshop titled "Challenges in implementation of new criminal laws", which was organised at NDMC Convention Centre by the directorate of training, Union Territories Civil Services.

Apart from the AG, the speakers and attendees included Delhi High Court judge Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri, former HC judge Justice Mukta Gupta, Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, National Law University Delhi's vice-chancellor GS Bajpai, senior advocate Rebecca John and former chief secretary Naresh Kumar.

JUSTICE GUPTA SAYS

It is important to understand each other. We (all stakeholders) have to learn, unlearn and live with it

Justice Mukta Gupta, talking about the challenges ahead, said such gatherings were important and every stakeholder was important in the whole process. "It is important to understand each other. We have to learn, unlearn and live with it."

Rebecca John talked about the aspects of technological changes, the impact of BSA on civil matters, and the issues concerning the admissibility of digital evidence.

Various issues concerning the implementation of the three new laws were discussed throughout the day over three brainstorming panel discussions.

With over 140 participants, the day-long gathering included 30 probationary judges, 30 public prosecutors, 32 IAS and Danics probationers, and about 30 police probationers who attended the programme alongside other invitees.

Naresh Kumar shared insights from a practical viewpoint and underscored the importance of speedy trials.

K Mahesh, IAS, special director (training), UTCS, who organised the workshop, said the purpose of holding the one-day programme was to highlight the pain points in the implementation of the three new laws on the completion of two months of their enforcement on Aug 31.

CBI makes bribe arrest at cop's house

New Delhi: In a swift operation, CBI set up a trap at the private residence of Head Constable Amit Malik, located in Upwan Apartment, Sector 28, Rohini, and held a man, Shailesh Kumar, who was caught accepting a bribe of Rs 4,000. CBI received information about the bribe and acted accordingly, laying the trap at the residence shared by Malik and another constable, Manjeet. While Kumar was taken into custody, Malik remains absconding. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender is invited by the CMOH, Dakshin Dinajpur for following e-tender: 1. Tender No. DHFWS/2443 dated 27.08.2024 for procurement and supply of Orthopedic Drill machine and other equipments-2nd call. from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Bid Submission Closing Date: 06.09.2024 at 04.00 PM. For Detail (e-tender), Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in www.wbhealth.gov.in and Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, D/Dinajpur
ICA- T15342(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the Works abridged NIeT No. CMOH/BANKURA/NIeT- 02(01)/2024-2025 vide Memo. 3989 Dated-28.08.2024 related to schemes of "Construction of Bara Salbani SC, Sarenga Block under Bankura District." The last date & time of online bid submission:- 14.09.2024 at 10:00 AM. Corrigendum if any will be published on www.wbtenders.gov.in visit www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Secretary DH&FWS & CMOH, Bankura
ICA-T15345(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited from reputed firms for the service abridged NIeT No. DHFWS/PRL/809 Dated: 27.08.2024 related to service E-procurement for hiring of Vehicles for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Purulia. The last date & time of online bid submission: 16.09.2024 at 05.30 PM noon. visit www.wbtenders.gov.in; www.purulia.gov.in; www.swasthyapurulia.org; Sd/- Secretary DH&FWS & CMOH, Purulia
ICA- T15343(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No.: 16/(BB) of 2024-25 of Assistant Engineer, Banga Bhawan, PWD. for 02 Nos of civil work under Banga Bhawan Sub Division, from bonafide outsider only having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) 13.09.2024 at 10.00hrs. for Tender Id : 2024_PWD_740026_1/2. Other details may be seen from the website : http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in Sd/- Office in charge & Assitant Engineer, Banga Bhavan PWD.
ICA-T15368(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
M.S.V.P, Rampurhat Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Rampurhat, Birbhum, invites E-Tender for providing 'Security Services' at Rampurhat Govt. Medical College & Hospital (Vide Memo No. RPHGMCH/MSVP/3042 Date: 27/08/2024). Online Bid Submission End Date: 23/09/2024 up to 5.00 p.m. For Details, Please visit:- https://wbtenders.gov.in www.wbhealth.gov.in, http://birbhum.gov.in, www.rampurhatgmch.edu.in
ICA-T15341(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No.: 04/(BBIT) of 2024-25 of Assistant Engineer, Banga Bhawan, PWD. for 04 Nos of IT work under Banga Bhawan Sub Division, from bonafide outsider only having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) 12.09.2024 at 15.00hrs. for Tender Id : 2024_PWD_739571_1/2/3/4. Other details may be seen from the website : http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in Sd/- Office in charge & Assitant Engineer, Banga Bhavan.
ICA-T15367(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT (Item Rate) invited for the work "Construction of 50 Bedded Critical Care Block (CCB) (G+2) within the campus of District Hospital, Balurghat in the District of Dakshin Dinajpur - Civil & Electrical Work - External Electrical Installation Work (Sub Station & Compound Lighting). Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_740113_1. Last date of bid submission 02.10.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs. Details information may be had from the Office of the undersigned on any working days & Website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Northern Electrical Circle, Malda
ICA- T15363(4)/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE TENDER (2nd call)
for CMC OF Water Purifier system at CMSDH
NIT No : CMSDH/04-2024-25, Dt: 27.08.2024. MSVP, CMSDH invites bids from eligible qualified suppliers for CMC of Water Purifier system at CMSDH. For details please visit www.wbhealth.gov.in www.cmsdh.edu.in
ICA-T15347(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE
E.E., M.H.D.-II, Public Works (Roads) Directorate, invites online e-NIQ. eNIQ No. 3 of 2024-2025, Tender ID: 2024_SH_740105_1. Bid Submission start date (online): 04.09.2024, Bid Submission of closing date (online): 12.09.2024. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded from: https://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- E.E., M.H.D.-II, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA-T15364(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
E.E., Murshidabad Electrical Division, P.W.Directorate invites online tender for the following NIQ: NIQ No: WBPWD/EE/MsdED/66/e-T OF 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_739944_1. Bid submission end date:- 04.09.2024 upto 15.00 hrs. Detail of Tender may be downloaded from website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Murshidabad Electrical Division
ICA- T15366(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Extension of last date of bid submission of Online Tender for Construction of RO plant room at Dinhata SDH, vide Tender ref no: DHFWS/CBR/NIeT/CIV/24-25/01 2nd call, respectively in Coochbehar district are hereby invited by the undersigned. For details please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.coochbehar.nic.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in Any corrigendum will published in website only. Sd/- CMOH, Cooch Behar
ICA-T15348(4)/2024

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Chief Finance Manager (Power Trading)

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte. invites e-NIQ for "AMC and operation of sound System, Stage Light, Projection systems installed at Auditorium of Academic bldg. and All Sound System install at diff. Bldg. incl. comp. mtc. of Central P.A. System (Zone Paging system both Indoor and Outdoor) installed within the campus of IPGMER-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata - Triennial comp. mtc. and operation of Sound System, Stage Light, Projection systems installed at Auditorium." vide Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_740139_1. Last date of submission - 17.09.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.pwdwb.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA- T15362(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice to procure Furniture, Hospital Furniture & Equipments and Gas Burner with Lighter
N.I.E.T. i) 157/MKT of 2024-2025, ii) 162/MKT of 2024-2025, iii) 163/MKT of 2024-2025, iv) 164/MKT of 2024-2025, v) 165/MKT of 2024-2025, vi) 166/MKT of 2024-2025, vii) 167/MKT of 2024-2025, are invited for supply of Furniture, Hospital Furniture & Equipments and Gas Burner with Lighter in West Bengal. For details, please visit www.wbsidcl.in / www.wbtenders.gov.in Last date for submission of bid : 157/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 05.09.2024 at 12:00 Noon. 162, 163, 164/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 29.08.2024 at 05:00 P.M. 165/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 30.08.2024 at 05:00 P.M. 166, 167/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 06.09.2024 at 05:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Director-I, The WBSIDCL
ICA-T15350(3)/2024

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
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NEW DELHI

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE WAQF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 INVITES SUGGESTIONS ON 'THE WAQF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024'

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, as introduced in Lok Sabha has been referred to the Joint Committee of Parliament for examination and report. Considering the wider implications of the proposed Bill, the Committee under the **Chairpersonship of Shri Jagdambika Pal, M.P.** have decided to invite memoranda containing views/suggestions from the public in general and NGOs/experts/stakeholders and institutions in particular.

2. Those desirous of submitting written memoranda/suggestions to the Committee may send two copies thereof either in English or in Hindi to **JOINT SECRETARY(JM), LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT, ROOM No.440, PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI-110001,**TEL.No(s) 23034440/ 23035284, FAX NUMBER: 23017709 and mail the same to jpcwaqf-lss@sansad.nic.in within 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement. Text of 'The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024' is available on the Lok Sabha website (link for English version- https://sansad.in/ls/legislation/bills and link for Hindi version- https://sansad.in/ls/hi/legislation/bills **(Bill No. 109)**)

3. The memoranda/suggestions submitted to the Committee would form part of the records of the Committee and would be treated as **'confidential'** and enjoy privileges of the Committee.

4. Those who are desirous of appearing before the Committee, besides submitting memoranda, are requested to specifically indicate so. However, the Committee's decision in this regard shall be final.

CBC 31201/11/0005/2425

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फोन नं. नम्बर. 0141–2742054, ई–मेल:- dcudt.jmc@gmail.com
क्रमांक :–जसअ/2024/113 दिनांक :– 29.08.2024
ई–ऑक्शन (होर्डिंग) विज्ञप्ति सं. 42/2024–2025
नगर निगम, ग्रेटर जयपुर द्वारा सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर विज्ञापन के लिए विभिन्न विज्ञापन साईटों का ई–ऑक्शन निम्नानुसार किया जाना है :–

क्र.सं.	विज्ञापन का नाम	संख्या	ई–ऑक्शन दिनांक	समयावधि
1.	1. निर्मित सुलभ शौचालय पर विज्ञापन एवं संधारण (ग्रुप वाईज) (ग्रुप ए–ग्रुप बी–ग्रुप सी)	14	18.09.2024	प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 5.30 बजे तक (अंतिम 5 मिनट में संवेदक/फर्म द्वारा बोली दिये जाने पर ई–नीलामी की समयावधि में प्रत्येक बार स्वतः ही 15 मिनट की वृद्धि हो जायेगी जिसकी अधिकतम समय सीमा की बाध्यता नहीं होगी।)
	2. निर्मित ओवरहैड साईनैज (गैन्ट्री)	08		
	3. नये बैकलिट टॉवर साईटें	9		
	4. पुराने निर्मित बैकलिट टॉवर साईटें	15		
	5. निर्मित टॉलेस्ट टॉवर (समूह में)	02		
2.	1. मालवीय नगर, जोन, विद्याधर नगर जोन, झोटवाडा जोन, सांगानेर जोन, मानसरोवर जोन, जगतपुरा जोन एवं मुरलीपुरा जोन यूनिपोल	30	19.09.2024	प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 5.30 बजे तक (अंतिम 5 मिनट में संवेदक/फर्म द्वारा बोली दिये जाने पर ई–नीलामी की समयावधि में प्रत्येक बार स्वतः ही 15 मिनट की वृद्धि हो जायेगी जिसकी अधिकतम समय सीमा की बाध्यता नहीं होगी।)
	2. निर्मित बसशैल्टर्स साईटें (समूह में), एम.आई.रोड़ बसशैल्टर्स	4		
	3. कियोस्क बोर्ड, (बिजली के खंभो पर लगने वाले छोटे बोर्ड) ब्लॉक–F पूर्व हवामहल पूर्व जोन	01 जोन कियोस्क बोर्ड		
	4. निर्मित डिजिटल यूनिपोल (समूह में)	14 डिजिटल यूनिपोल		

ई–ऑक्शन कार्यक्रम, शर्तें, अमानता राशि, भागीदारी राशि तथा ई–नीलामी बिजनेस रूल्स आदि की जानकारी हेतु नीलामी साईट वेबसाईट **www.jaipurmc.org** में (E-Auction) पर देखी जा सकती है तथा इसी साईट पर वित्तीय वर्ष 2024–25 के लिए इच्छुक फर्में/व्यक्ति निर्धारित पंजीयन शुल्क राशि 1,000/– (एक हजार रूपये) जमा करवाकर, पंजीयन करवाकर ई–नीलामी में भाग ले सकते है। अमानता राशि दिनांक 17.09.2024 को रात्रि 12.00 बजे तक जमा की जावेगी। किसी भी प्रकार की तकनीकी समस्या/अथवा जानकारी हेतु एनालिस्ट कम प्रोग्रामर, नगर निगम ग्रेटर, जयपुर के दूरभाष नं. 8875403031, 6377142055 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते है।
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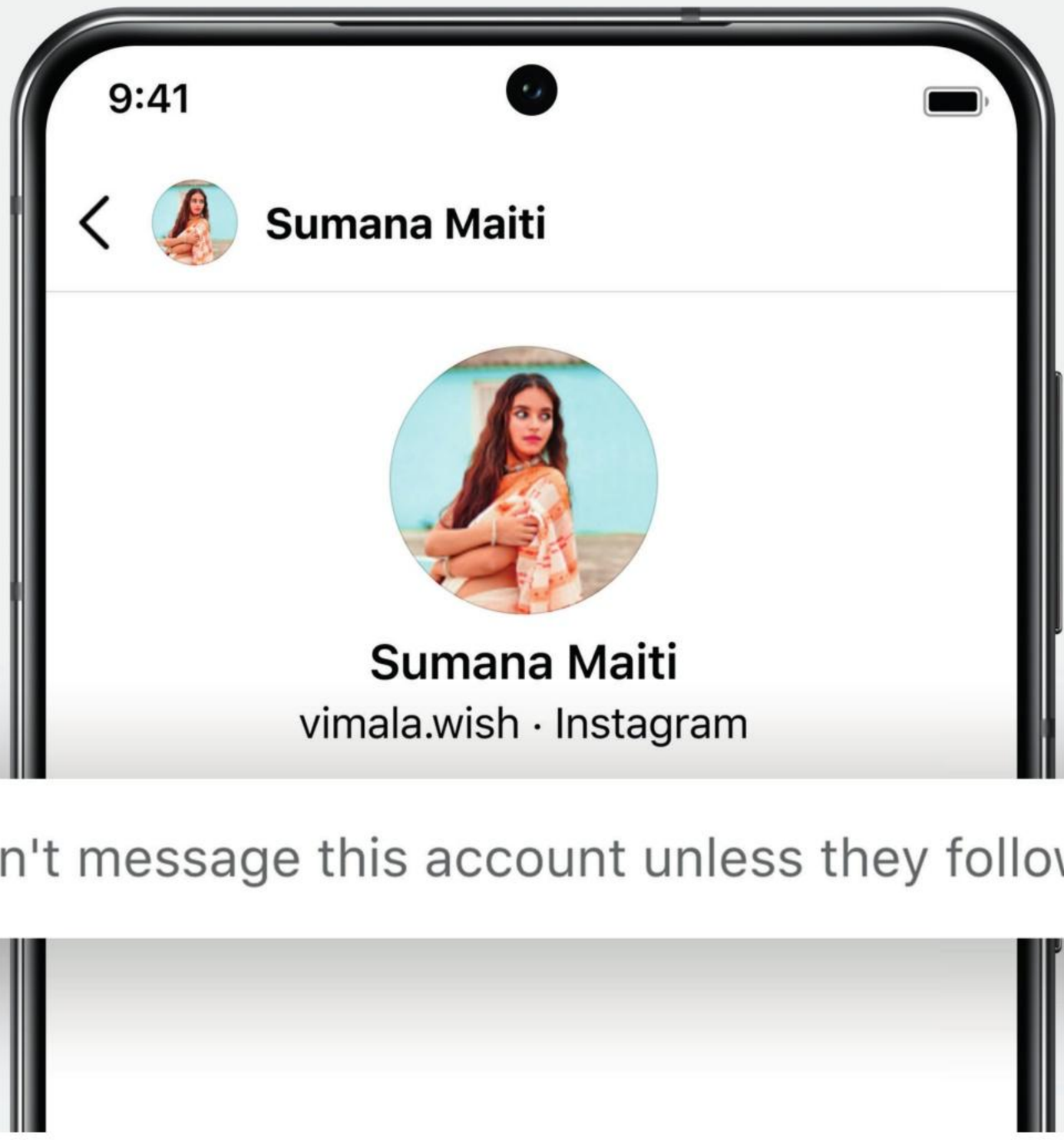

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*To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched **Talk it Out**, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries. This week's advice is from psychologist **Aditi Sharma***

I am a 60-year-old housewife. I raised my younger brother as my father died young and my mother was not herself after his death. My brother is mostly angry with me for reasons unknown. I think he needs to see a counsellor, but no one can advise him as he doesn't listen to anyone. Four years ago, my mother died too. When he again showed his anger at her death and banged things down suddenly, I decided to sever all links from him. It hurts but I thought it was best for both of us. Since then, my health has deteriorated due to arthritis. I don't like to meet anybody. How can I get stronger and be social, despite ill health and mental disturbance?

— Anonymous

Being there for our loved ones is encouraged but sparsely acknowledged for how challenging it can be. Focusing on our own health, safety or comfort often comes with attached guilt. This guilt can be a testament to the love and respect we hold for others. However, it is also important to check whether in making space for others, we are taking it away from our own selves. Respecting or loving others need not come at the cost of our self-love and respect. Though it was a very difficult decision, what would you say you were prioritising when you decided to distance yourself from your brother? Does this tell you something about what you value as a person? What are some other ways through which you create space for these values in your life? Our bodies often carry impacts of emotionally difficult experiences. Along with other ways of addressing these, individual or even group therapy may be a tool to gain new perspectives and prevent these impacts from disrupting our preferred ways of living.

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I recently passed grade 12 and am waiting to take admission into a college, but my parents won't let me pursue a degree of my choice. Whenever I try to express my opinion, they always turn me down and insist on what they want. I've done whatever they've asked since my childhood, but whenever I try to make my own point, they say I'm not a good child and am being rude to them. There's also societal pressure and my parents often compare me to my siblings and friends. They also say I'll regret it in the future if I don't follow their advice. I have no one to advise me or to listen to me.

— Anonymous

It sounds like you're going through a crucial yet overwhelming time in your life. Balancing familial or societal demands at a time when we ourselves require support can indeed be disheartening. Staying true to the role of a 'good child' often comes with the restriction of not being able to be anything that deviates from this identity. Bringing this up with your parents may be making you feel as if you're up against a wall. It could be helpful to think of a trusted adult who can help bridge these conversations with them. It's important for this person to be someone who understands your point of view and can help facilitate a discussion where everyone has the opportunity to present their thoughts. Therapists and counsellors who work with individuals and families can also help. Seeing their child as a person of their own — someone with their own dreams, opinions and wisdom — rather than just their child, is a difficult journey for parents. Having a companion guide them can be instrumental.

My life has been unfair from the very beginning. I lost my mother at a very young age, and then was made to do household work and subjected to constant mental abuse by my grandmother and father. This made me believe that I should marry a man I love in order to get out of that situation. But my post-marriage life was the same, shaped by dominating in-laws, an unsupportive husband and more mental abuse. My husband wants to control everything, including the way I dress, who I meet, and even my expressions. He has even sexually abused me. I am involved in an extramarital relationship and that's the only ray of hope, but we can't do anything further since we both are married with kids. I know it's wrong but it's the only thing that has prevented me from ending my life long ago. Getting over insomnia and depression is now becoming tough. Please help.

— Anonymous

Challenging life circumstances, especially if prolonged, can make us feel isolated and powerless. Additionally, they make us forget that people aren't passive recipients of challenges. We all have our unique ways of responding to struggles. I wonder what it must have taken for you to be able to cope with all these hardships. How did you take care of yourself in the face of abuse? What does it tell you about your ability to manage tough situations against all odds? Along with personal skills, having a strong community can be incredibly empowering during testing times. Building a circle of trustworthy and compassionate people can be crucial to ensuring your sense of safety and well-being. Community groups and listening circles are excellent examples of such spaces. I'd also recommend meeting with a therapist who can support you in navigating this. Furthermore, consulting with a psychiatrist can help you assess the need for any medication.

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Month-long vulture census in city from Sept 7

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: WWF-India will hold a month-long vulture count in Delhi from Sept 7, which will be aimed at monitoring and conserving the bird's population. The census will be held at Asola Wildlife Sanctuary and the Ghazipur landfill site in collaboration with Bird Count India and eBird.

"Vultures are essential to the health of ecosystems, serving as nature's clean-up crew. By feeding on carrion, they prevent the spread of diseases that could otherwise affect wildlife, livestock and humans. Their role in consuming decomposing animal carcasses helps with nutrient cycling and maintains ecological balance. However, vulture populations in India have faced a dramatic decline," WWF stated.

The alarming drop in vulture numbers has led to some species being classified as Critically Endangered by IUCN, it added. According to WWF, across the city, 16 sightings happened in 2021; four in 2022 and 25 in 2023.

The census will help track population trends, identify critical habitats and assess the impact of environmental changes. The information, WWF stated, will be vital for developing targeted conservation strategies and policies.

"Vulture Count 2024 represents a significant opportunity for citizen scientists, bird enthusiasts and local communities to contribute to vulture conservation and to increase awareness about them," said Dr Dipankar Ghose, senior director-biodiversity conservation, WWF-India.

International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated on the first Saturday of Sept.

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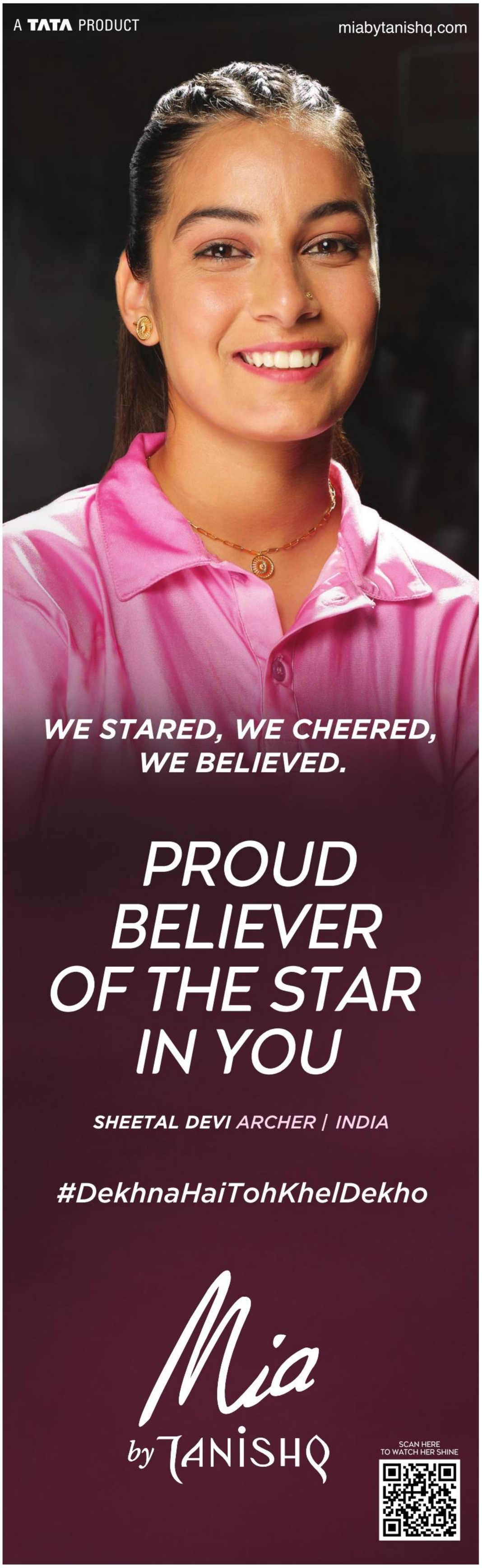

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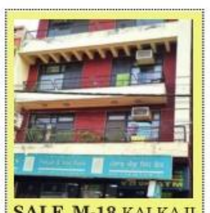

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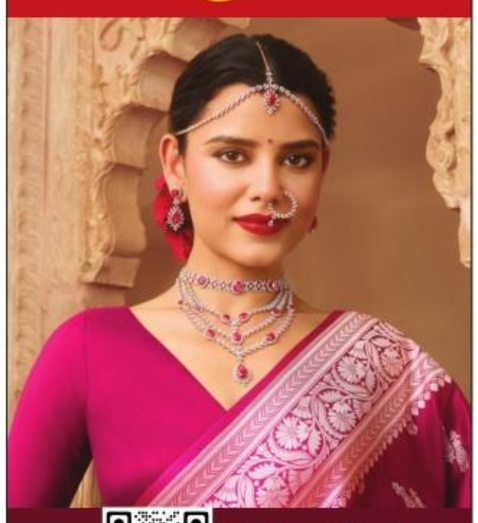

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B'FUL/ Qlfd Girl for H'sm Bansal Boy Dec 93, 5'8", LL.M. (London), Advocate High Court, Chandigarh, Reputed Status Family 9814017584

NCR based prof qual working girl for divorced, handsome boy, aggarwal garg, CA, sept 80, 167 cm, VP @ top MNC Grgn, pkg 1 Cr, own flat Grgn, parents well settled Delhi, caste no bar, call 9313603572

MBA (MDI) smart mittal boy 91/5'11" wkg in Germany,80LPA,Sonipat(HR), seeks wkg Prof Qual. girl- 9812440979, 9756982956

SM4 Goel Mnglk, 22.2.1997@ 9.16am 5'9" MBA from Amity wkng as Asst. Mgr in Pvt. Org seeks wkng girl 9899410531 or manasg2015@gmail.com

HIGHLY Qlfd IAS, IRS, IPS, IES, IIT, IIM, MD, MS 10-70LPA, 27-47yrs / 5'-4" -6' grooms for high status family prof. qlfd girls. Call -9415580893

29/ 5'10 B.Tech-IIT MS Wrkn with google 1 Cr + well est. b'ness fmly Caste No Bar, no dowry rich fmly. # 9826968503, Em: bdmatj@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

PQM4 NORTH Brahmin boy, 6'1" Oct'91, H'some, B.A(Hons) LL.B, LL.M(UK), Ph.D(Law) Scholar, legal profession, bsd in Mumbai, preferably well qlfd LL.M, above 5'7" tall girl in legal field, vegetarian, with values from cultured status fly. Cont & WhatsApp 9819234064

B'MIN - pure veg boy 27/5'9" CA, BA Hons. Wkg in Pune MNC/ 16LPA Seeks B'ful pure veg CA/CS/MBA girl. #9571332109

BRAHMIN, 6'1", 94 B. Tech, Software Engineer Ggn, 50Lpa. Upper caste no bar. Non-veg. W/C 9828958533, 9899710966

HOMELY simple match for 35/5'10"/graduate/self employed/rental income/GB well settld family.Caste no bar.Wapp/call 9891299067

MS(CS) pure veg pb.brahmin boy Apr.93/5'6" wkng in USA on H1B visa seeks prof qual girl. W/Apps 9968160706

DOCTOR 26.5yrs/6'. Bharadwaj Gotra, doing MD Pharmacology. Preferably upper middle class only. Send BHP @ Whatsapp/Call: 8168129477

MANGLIK Saraswat Brahmin boy 29/6'1" MBA wkg in MNC Gurugram Manglik girl with professional education Mob. 9410210940, 9319103879

SM4 Boy 22.01.1987, 5:35AM POB Kanpur,5'-8" Wkg in Banglore Rs.50LPA Caste No Bar, Family in Ludhiana W.App: 9780228481

SM4, Audichya Br Boy, 32/ 5'9", S/W Consultant in SAP Dublin (Ireland) Looking Educated Girl All Brahmin acceptable # 9829122080

SEPT 86 Born, Tall, Never Married, Vegetarian, Teaching MBA Students at a reputed University in Dehradun. WhatsApp 9897277532.

B.TECH MBA-IIT Non-Manglik Saraswat Br boy 30/5'7" MNC Ggn 15LPA fthr retd. Dy Dir Gen Delhi NCR Srv Br. 8800908497

PQM for 31/5' 7"/MS,USA H1B visa,GC in process/well settled Gaur Brahmin.Upper middle class.Upper caste welcome,W/app,call 9891299067

SM4 Brahmin boy Aircraft MTS. Engr. 31/5'11", 10LPA wkg as Tech.Instructor in Indigo Airlines. Skng Q'fied girl. M.8057237066,8279529191

MATCH for sept 91/ 5'10" boy Gaur Brahmin from Mumbai; own business contact 9820101342

MBBS boy June 90/5'4'" Manager MNC Mumbai 32LPA reputed doctor family seeks Prof Qual working girl prefbly from Mumbai M -9981641502

SM4 Bhardwaj Br. Dhiman, MCA 2 June 87/5'7" Wkg S/W Engr MNC in Noida 30+Lpa, Gzb based Veg. fmly Caste All Br. # 9871884271, 9035117840

SMF- 34/5'11" Gaur Brahmin Boy, MS wrk in Taxas, USA, from a rptd fmly of Mathura. Pref IT girl all upper caste acpt. Wapp # 7017494006

SM4 Brahmin Boy, 41/5'10", unmarried Asst. Professor Pvt College, Owner of Flat & also a coaching centre,caste no bar,no dowry, Early Marriage through Temple/Court # 9560223904

FOR Secured married life with VADAMA Udhithya MScIT Mgr CTS CBE 1.15Lpm Vfair 178cms Any SUBSECT WApp ur info 9444381510/9444991510

BRAHMIN Army Officer, 27,5'10" seeks brahmin bride. Father IPS, native of UP, based in Gwalior(MP). Ph/WA:8848100100

WORKING PQM4 31/5'8" h'som boy M.S. Architecture from US with own Architectural & Urban Planning firm, from reputed GB fmly Jaipur. Call 9829212929, 9414311272

MAITHIL Brahmin Boy Shandilya Gotra, 11/07/92, 12.07 PM 31/5'7"/MCA/10 Lpa M: 9319385863, 9560738601, Em: ncs1943@rediffmail.com

1994/6'3" BE wrkg Lead-Stanchart GBS Bengaluru, 30+LPA. Father Ex IFS, wrkg country dir NGO. Bro wrkg London. 7588020450

SANADYA BRAHMIN boy 28/6'2" B.Tech(CS) working in Gurugram 40+LPA Father Retd Class 1 officer Ph 8130111534

HANDSOME Businessman Boy 29/6'/ MBA(USA) Chandigarh Settled From High Status Family 9417415511,7380200029

MAITHIL Brhmn B.Tech Boy Jul97/5'8 EE in Govt/PSU Savarn Gotra seek girl wkg in Govt as officer 9868862952

SM for Gaur Brahmin 28/5'7" B.Tech/ pursuing MBA (IIM-KOZI), Software Engineer in Zee Media, 24 LPA, Seeks Working Delhi based girl, Prefer. Govt Teacher / office. W'app/Call: 9899105099

KKB gotra Bharadwaj 5'10"/25-07-95, H'some boy wkg MNC (Gurgaon) 35LPA belong Lucknow base reputed fmly seeks PQM B'ful girl. Send BHP:- nilay.iitk@gmail.com, 9559973289

EDU. Bride 4 Judicial officer Divorcee, Looks 35. Brahmin Thakur, Baniya M. Class Girl prefd.Can Manage B'ness independently W.app. 9258408570

SMART H'some tyagi Brahmin. Veg Conv. Edu. B.Tech MBA 33/5'11" Affl. Buss. Family. Seeks Tall B'ful veg. girl preff. conv. edu. cultured fmly. WA:7579774141

H'SOME boy, 33, 5'11", IIT KGP CS B.Tech+M.Tech, Successful entrepreneur with 5+ yr US exp, CEO Indian Tech Co.# 9131267139/ 9993873300.

BTECH (CSE) IIIT-D Gaur Br. boy 28 years 5'11" wkg Meta (Facebook) London Handsome pkg seeks Veg TT PQM.Parents Sr Govt officer Delhi 7678492707

36/5'5" Aanshik Manglik, Adi Nadi/ Sanadhya Brahmin/ IIT Bombay IIM Ahmedabad/ Working Bangalore, Divorced, seeks unmarried girl 8879007414

SM for Gaur Brahmin MBA boy 13.01.1977 / 5'7" Never Married Wkg Melbourne Australia (Perm.Resi), Own House in Delhi # 9810303442

AUSTRALIA Based I.T. Professional Boy, M.Tech, Brahmin, Fair, 1989 Born, 6'1", Vegetarian, Requires Beautiful, Well Qualified, Tall Bride. 9461195220/8619848217

47/170 cms Sanadhya Brhm. H'some, Never married, lives in NCR. Doing b'ness 20Lpa seeks family oriented, edu. wkg girl. Cont: 9840335199, 9871790866 seshadribhavana@gmail.com

JAIN

JAIN Smart Boy 32/5'11" B.Com, LLB, Own Business in Lucknow, well Family. Seeks B'full well Edu/Cultured,Veg.Girl 8127517777(W)

KAYASTHA

PROF Qual B'ful/Prfb IT wrkg /fmly-orientd Grl for Smart/ B.Tech-VIT/Soft Er/MNC-Hyd /24LPA/25/5'6"/Lko bsd Sri'tva Boy # 9335230938, 8887693376

SM4 Srivastava Boy H'some 34/5'10" Lawyer estd.Practice in Delhi Courts prefer Kayasth girl in Legal profession.# 9810330428, 9810589163

SRIVASTAVA 43/6' Commissioned Class-1 Officer, Smart, Divorcee seeks qualified homely bride. Financial status no bar. # 9311723093.

WANTED Beautiful Bride for Kayastha Indian Forest Serv. officer 32/170cm B.Tech M. Tech from IIT Kanpur. Father Rnowned Neurologist Owning Hospital. 7985670572 drspradhan@rediffmail.com

NRI Kayastha boy 29/5'8" Engineer MNC Netherlands own house 65 LPA looking for professionaly qualified girl caste no bar,9560127807,7599488818

LOOKING Kayastha girl for Mathur h'some boy Aug. 1987/5'10' BE/MBA Wkg. Sr. Manager ICICI bank (large corporate sector) 9893764423

SM4 Kayastha H'some Boy 28/6'/ B.tech MBA /12LPA / MNC Noida, Saxena family of Noida, Seeks Professionally Qualified girl # 9837438811.

WANTED: Bride for 26 y/o Bangalore-based Mathur boy. Seeking only working professionals & Mathur alliances. Contact: 7838743869.

GRADUATE Mathur H'Some boy Nov'89/ 178 CM Wrkg in Govt Org/ 5.67 LPA seeks Qlfd.Mathur girl. W'app /Call 9910272718/9971361712 Email: 1piyushmathur1@gmail.com

MBA Handsome Mathur boy 173cm Sept98 wkng MNC Mumbai 15lpa seeks proff qualified Kayastha girl ph 8591066500 vmky26@gmail.com

SM4 kayastha boy Dr. M.D.S. 82/5'8" fair Reader LKN, Div. (Short Marriage.) Own clinic, Pref.Lucknow or Nearby CNB (W) 7599022353, 9557942076

M4 Delhi NCR bsd Kayastha handsome boy July 83/5'10". graduate, wkg with MNC at Sr. Position. Father & Mother retd PSU Sr. executive. # 9560068828

PQM4 Kayastha H'some Boy 1992/5'11/30L PhD(USA) Postdoc (FR), Wkg Asst. Prof. Ashoka Univ, Sonipat, Seeks B'ful edu. slim girl # 9893161646

LONDON bsd Kayastha 29/ 5'8"/M.Fin/AVP in Bank/1 Lac+ GBP h'som boy. Lko fmly. seek b'ful, cultured & prof qlfd girl. Caste no bar # 9415104743

SM4 V.Fair H'some Srivastava Medico boy Apr76/5'7" MS-Surgery DNB-Surg. Gastro Delhi, 50LPA, sriv.tp@gmail.com , 9958799808

1984 Born, Karan, 5' 9",BTech IITD,44+lpa Delhi,Veg. Share biodata -shadee.munger@gmail.com , 6201552582/ 9900640222

SM4 83 born 5'10" H'some unmarried Kayastha Boy Working as Manager in Pvt. Bank, 10 LPA, seeks b'ful unmarried girl Pref. frm UP # 8874270686

PQSM4 Srivastava boy,Jan 95, 5'6", BtechDU,Mtech BITS Pilani 2024, Data Analyst 12LPA . 7456961470.

KHATRI

SM4 Bhatia boy June/98/ 5'11"/ 70Kg Hindu Gotra : Kandal/Indore. B.Tech.(CS) wkn with MS. Seek b'ful, well qlfd/wkn Prof. 23-25yr. teetotaler girl BHP W: 9131339775

LOOKING4 suitable match for Delhi born Khatri boy 02.06.93/5'10"/ 3:27pm Pilot Airlines in India, send profile @W'ap/call: 9999499194

GULATI MBA ,Divorcee,1984/5'4/Fair, Non-Manglik ,Ltd Firm 17LPA Mother & Self only,9582000116 castenobar, N.Delhi-110058 own

MATCH FOR BTECH IT ENGINEER IN MNC GURGAON SALARY 50L+ NON MANGLIK OCT 94 6' FAIR HANDSOME WHATSAPP:9351752500

SM for Khatri, H'some Boy, 31 yrs/ 5'7", M.S. wkg as Data Analyst in Luxembourg seeks well Edu, wkg girl, ready to settle there. Ph/w'app: 9716654831

SUITABLE match for never married Punjabi Khatri Boy 5'9"/1982, IT MNC 30LPA W'app # 7889118488, Em: Leozworld82@gmail.com

SAINI

SAINI Turbaned Boy, 5'11", Nov 1989, MCA, Govt Job, Delhi. Seeks well edu. wkg/-N.wkg Girl. Mrrg bureau Excuse 9871458304, 9990754579

VAISH

SUCCESSFUL & determined Gupta IAS officer, partial vision impaired, 91 born, 5'07", seeks a Smart, Edu. & healthy partner. Caste no bar. # 97119-95169, vpm25452@gmail.com

YADAV

DELHI Yadav, 38yrs, 5'10", B.Com, MBA, MNC Noida (7LPA), widower seeks educated Yadav bride, Poorvanchal preferred. 8081729893

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

SEEKING wrkg well cultured b'ful Manglik girl for a fair handsome Singla Manglik boy, April 95/5'7", Engr MNC Gurgaon # 9876133877

HSOME Jain/Goel 5'7/68kg, BE(E&C) Sr. Engg Mgr/+90 Lpa US MNC, Live/work in Noida, 21.5.74/4pm/Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

AGARWAL boy/ 31/170/70 BTech IIT/ MS/PHD/USA Research scientist shifting to UK /girl willing to settle abroad W/C 98970 57620

WANTED BRIDE
Alliance invited for **Agrawal / Marwadi Boy** from afluent business family based in **Kota (Raj.)** **29 Year, Height 5'7"** **Fair, Handsome** **CA / MBA working in MNC in Europe.**
Girl should be well educated
Send details
govindfatehpuria65@gmail.com
98290 38189

Affluent and reputed Gurgaon based Gupta family seek alliance for their only son, very handsome, Lawyer, Sep' 1995 / 5'11", B.Com(H), LL.B (DU) having well established family law practice from a well educated, beautiful slim girl 5'.3" and above belonging to a reputed family.
Contact: 9810030863

ARORA

PQM 4 NM Pnjb arora boy 11 Feb 82/04:05 am, 5'7 ,MBA-LBSIM/M.com,MNC 58 lpa, Delhi ,fthr & Mthr govt retd,9868973260/9868998801

H'SME Fair, Pb Ar Boy 1999 Born, 5'5" ,B.com Grad, West Del Resi, well stld, Self Emplyd, Own House, Seeks B'ful & Edu Girl # 9910046831.

JAT

JAT boy age 32 / 5'10" well settled in Business having own house wanted Educ. smart Girl,avoid Gotra Phogat & Tomar 8448012376,9318322421

NORTH INDIAN

SOFTWARE Engineer Veg. Hindu Boy 6'.2" March 1993 Ferozepur (Punjab) working in Pune 24 LPA seeks Veg. Working girl. 8452033100

RAJPUT

AFFLUENT B'iness family, based in Noida invites alliance for their Only Son, 27 / 5'7" H'some Rajput boy. BTech, LLB from Top ranked College. 35lpa. sti.stimes01@gmail.com

RAJPUT Doctor boy sept' 90 6.0', MBBS MD Radiology India doing Fellowship USA pref Dr Rajput girl. willing USA. # 9315938941, 9868501789

KUMAUNI Rajput, 36/5'5 MBA working in MNC HR Mgr New Delhi 14 LPA father -SBI retired, seeks well educated girl . Cont # 9927949929

RAJPUT boy Sept'90,5'11", MBA USA, BE MA Eco BITS Pilani wkg USA seeks edu Rajput girl, good family. M:9315938941, 9868501789.

SUITABLE Match for Rajput Saini South Delhi bsd smart boy 7.9.90/ 5'9", Homeopathy Doctor 12Lpa. Upper Caste no Bar. Call / W'app: 9810010967

SM4 Non-Manglik Rajput 5'-11", 1990, MCA. Work Visa, Software Developer New Zealand. Any caste. Whats-App only +64210500217

BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

PQM for Vishwakarma-UR 32/5'11" MBBS/MS boy, Lko based affluent Dr Family. Seeking fair, tall & beautiful girl. Caste no bar. 7007899686.

MD ongoing Bengali Jul 97/5'11 non vegetarian seeks doctor girl sharmi_nic@hotmail.com #8010760837

SM4 Kumaoni Brahmin Oct 92/5'6" MS Eye Doing Fellowship, Looking for PG Clinical Pref. Eye, Parents Doctor settled in Lko. Mb: 9839017277

MEDICO match wanted for Handsome Clean Shaven Sikh Arora Boy 35Yrs/6ft MD Doctor in Delhi. Only son of Doctor parents. Ph: 9811872130

PUNJABI Smart Boy Dec. 88/5'6" MDS (Orthodontist) Own Clinic & Own Residance 35 LPA, Prefer MDS / BDS. Contact: 9416013960

PROPOSALS invited for a strikingly handsome, MD of a top global Finance Company based in New York City. Green Card holder (over 3 million USD p/a) 176cm, 30.4.84, unmarried. High status Saraswat Brahmin cultured family. Parents senior officials, sister Doctor in US, married.
Girl should be very beautiful, fair, tall, well qualified (below 35 yrs) preferably based in US from status family.
Send details & Pictures.
Ph: 9501144779
Email : atikgo30@gmail.com

ENGINEERS

SPQM for Punjabi MS CS/27/5'5" very handsome, working with top company in USA, visiting Oct'24, email brides.usa@gmail.com , 9920244856

PQM Gupta Vaishya
boy BTech MBA IIFT
May94/5.11" Wkg MNC
Pune 33 LPA. 9415041313

LAWYERS

SM4 Smart boy 5'11"/1989 born PG Law. Doing legal consultancy, practice in Del/NCR Well rptd. edu. Goyal fmly, from Gurgaon 9999575603, 9953304040

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

SM4 Christian (R.C) i'less Divorce (Short Marriage) Boy 42/5'11" IT Engg- Noida, Handsome Salary. Contact- 9758714180

HINDU

CHAUHAN (O.B.C.) 35/ 5'10" Smart, M.Com, MBA Marketing Manager Lucknow seeks beautiful educated girl. Caste no bar. 9454323193

DELHI Manglik Handsome Boy 33yrs old (Canadian PR holder)5'9/fair/90LPA.Lookin for beautiful girl.#Whatsapp-7838287436 for more info.

TEXTILES Exporter 48 Never Married Seeks Never Married Bride. Any Region, Language, Caste Welcome. No Dowry Simple Marriage 70196 00492

REMARRIAGE. Male 48/171cm, Agarwal, UAE based, CA, employed, Seeking alliance from fmly-oriented educated girl. shubhmatri@yahoo.com

B'FUL non veg edu match 4 I'less noida bsd entrepreneur feb 1985, 5'6" h'som, having an eminent Public School of Del & a prof. fmly W/C.9818782088

MALE 46/170cm, Agarwal, Gurugram based, lawyer, self-practice. Seek alliance from fmly-oriented educated girl. lagnmatri@yahoo.com

SM4 Punjabi Khatri boy 36 5'11" BE/MS(Data Science) at Amazon Bangalore South Delhi based family aks1642@yahoo.com M - 9820948151

B.TECH, oct 82 boy, never married, wrkg in delhi, 55 lpa, seeks pqm, only never married & upper caste should contact. radha.ag1952@gmail.com

AGARWAL, Issueless, divorced boy, Jun 88,5'-10", working in USA, Bureau excuse, 7428500745

MUSLIM

MUSLIM sunni 34, 5.11, MBA Graphic Era,Convent schooling Handsome Business man from Dehradun seeks educated Beautiful bride. Income in 8 figures 7505375288

SM Conv Edu Delhi Boy 35/5'10", M.S, MBA (U.S) working in Canada seeks Enging Girl from well Educated Family, W'app 9810838274

HANDSOME Del bsd Pathan boy 37/5'8" BTech wkg Manager MNC Ggn 27 LPA divorcee, Fthr Govt Officer sks PQ fair complexion grl. Cast No Bar. Call M & Wapp: 8920649420

DATA Engineer (MS) based in US (32 yrs/ 5'10) from reputable Sheikh family from Lucknow seeks qualified match. Late Father rtd. Lecturer, Mother homemaker, Call/WhatsApp 9305697358

B.TECH Sunni Pathan Boy 33+/5'6" Asst. Const. MNC Noida @13 LPA seeks girl prof. qualified. Job / No Job. # 9335252561 , 9889804984

SIKH

MBA, Sikh CAST NO BAR 5'8" Non drinker ,Non Trimmer Nov 1993,Wkg MNC Gurugram. 8 LPA, Father Retd Mother House wife. # 9915015965

MBA SikhBoy Nov91/5'8"*Own Biz Del 15LPA Parents entrepreneur.
Seeks Veg Sikh/Punjabi Qual.Wrkg.Girl.#9654765744; caranbajaj4you@gmail.com

An Affluent Sikh Business family of repute based in Delhi invites alliance for their smart, highly educated son 89' Born, 6'0" BE, MBA from Premier Instt. of India assisted many Prime Business houses having his own startup and lucrative Family Business. Looking for an educated tall girl from an affluent cultured Background.
Call 9599199837
ravtejs793@gmail.com

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

SM4 Del-NCR Boy 1992/5'5" MBA Wkg. MNC GGN Non smoker Teetotaller Parents Retd. Govt. Servt. Seeks edu. girl Mob. 9711727138

SM4 89 born punjabi boy wkg MNC Saharanpur wanted a educated girl. caste no bar. 9729056772

SEEK fair slim PQM for H'some SWE (NIT) 26/5'10"/ 50L Swarnkar boy wkg in MNC Banglore. Highly educated family # 9620213725

PQM4 H'sm Kayastha boy 31yrs 5'7", B.tech Wkg MNC Gurgaon 12LPA.Noida based family seeks Prof. Qlfd girl 8826456067, 7042147767

BANERJEE 36/5'9" Dutch Citizen Europe based scientist seeks professionally qualified sports, adventure loving bride within 32 # 6290438210

PQM4 Kayastha Delhi based boy, Jan'88 born / 5'9" MCA, Wkg with US MNC, Ggm. Call/ W'app: 9891240522, 9971087320, gulshan.mathur@gmail.com

76 years old Doctor, Widower Financially independent, No liabilities, Fit & Fine, looks younger, seeks a life partner of similar age, Ph: 9963408731

SM 4 Handsome SC Boy 33, 6' Completing LLB in Dec 24 from England, Mumbai Based Orig. West Up Well Settled Fly. Father Govt Retd, Caste No Bar. WApp 8879415791

EDUCATED Yadav Boy 42+Yrs/5'10/IT Mngr/Wrkg US MNC,Seeks B'ful,Qlfd.Nvr married girl,good Values Call W'App 9871118188

DIVORCEE 37. no issue tall 5"7 MBA working UK good looking, Caste no bar Contact = 7897431289, calling time 7Pm to 9Pm

SUITABLE match for Negi Thakur 37/5'8"/B.E., MBA handsome boy working in Canada. Caste no bar. Cont: 9336575480, 7522684116 -Wapp

MUMBAI based, Feb 93, 5'6" Punjabi Khatri boy, BE, MBA, Product Manager-Bank 28 LPA, seeks b'ful edu PQ working girl WA: 9867382660, amotal.1993@gmail.com

FOUNDER CEO Tech Startup Dubai BTech (IIT) MBA (ISB) 84/171 13 Crore+ PA, H'some Fair, Swetamber Jain family, M- 9829294900, 9672337659

SM4 Hindu JAT boy, Issue less Divorce, 31y/6'1", Meerut based. LLM/NET, Qualified, looking for homely girl with family values. PH-9412677081

WORLD-RENOWNED musician & National Award-winning composer, US citizen 45, affluent Kol/USA. Seeks beautiful, educated bride. Call: 9748788265

CA, Saini boy 33yrs/6'2 working in bank 12 LPA. Seeks Qfd bride, caste no bar, no dowry. M-9316073905, 9536059020

B.TECH MBA Yadav boy, DOB:1987/5'11" Canada-Work Permit 30LPA (Warehouse Supervisor), WhatsApp: 9711369808/9425390907

DEFENCE officer 64 yr rich living alone seeks lady preferably around vasant vihar delhi for emotional support 8431154749/9986202924

AEROSPACE Engg.B Tech M.Tech 28/5'11" MNC in Toulose France Father Rtd Chief Engineer. Seeks working Rajput girl #7766088679

MBA frm RANEPA Moscow 1991/5'11"/35 Lpa Vaishya h'sm boy owns pvt ltd company Restra Gym &others own house in prime S. Delhi seeks Bful fair slim bride cast no bar parents in snr govt posn #7828999356

PB Sethi 1989 born Bachelor boy B.tech M.tech MBA Working in top MNC as CEO pkg 70 LPA looking Good Life Partner caste no bar 9818227342

SURYAVANSHI khatik 36/5'9", B.Tech, fair, MNC Company Sr.Manager, Divorce seek fair, b'ful B.Tech/ M.Tech Caste no bar. Call: 9711494971

BRAHMIN Boy 34/5'7" MBA Fair, H'some, Elite Business Man, well Settled in Lucknow Seeks B'ful, Fair, Edu. Girl. CNB # 9305601110

MUM. based Hindu Handsome 29/5'7"/MBA from IIM Coming from very High Status Parents Class 1 Govt Officers seeks Compatible Match. 8218601498

NAI Boy del bsd,1994/6ft, (post grad)wrkg as phy. tech in sr.sec school,6lac,father rtd govt off. looking for edu. girl. 9968627456 surender21111961@gmail.com

SM4 Mds dr(Brhm) working own clinic (NM) 86/5,9". Father renowned dr. Seeks Prof.Qual girl.9910795523

ALLIANCE for younger son aged 28 plus 173 Cm Brahmin educated family . Elder brother happily married . Boy serving in Indian Airforce as Commissioned Officer in technical branch . Seeks Bride from decent educated Hindu family . Caste , Region No Bar Contact avyay9siya@gmail.com

RE-MARRIAGE

SM for H'some sophisticated Punjabi, Well established Businessman 39/5'8" divorce issueless, Delhi/NCR based. # 9654992074, advt111@gmail.com

SC/ST

RAJAK Boy 25 Yrs./ 5'8" B.Tech Wrkg. in Govt. Sector as Engineer Father, Mother Govt. Servant Resident Roh-ini (Delhi) Seeks Edu. Wrkg. Girl # 9868876811/ 9213912355

SECOND MARRIAGE

SM for Canada based Sindhi Issueless divorced groom having hereditary baldness. 44/5'11" BPT, MBA, Working as Quality Analyst at pharma MNC. Family settled in Canada, having parental house in Jaipur. Previously married and divorced in India. Caste no bar. anks5911@gmail.com, +14372346119.

SM4 Goel boy 5'9" 26.04.86, 1.50am, Delhi, Anshik Mglk, B.Tech, Wkg MNC Ggn. 40 LPA Pkg, legally dvrcd, I'less, seeks edu b'ful Bride #9810641971

SM4 Gurgaon bsd Agarwal boy 35yr, 5'8", MBA(USA), Sr. Mngr in GGN MNC,pkg 80+LPA, only son, nuclear edu fmly, divorced I'less, seek wkg & hmly Widow/ un-married/Divorced, I'less girl Agrwl/Brhmin. 9711804036

PUNJABI Khatri boy, 38, 5'11, software engineer 48 LPA, Bangalore, divorcee with very short marriage. 7338080183

SM4 Brahmin 1976/5'6", B.Tech, LLB, Advocate Delhi Based. Issueless Divorce. Father Retired DGM, RBI Presently Advocate. 9873033650

RELIGION NO BAR

PUNJABI unmarrid boy 39 5'9" B.Tech-MBA IIM Wkn MNC 80lakh Pkg, no dowry Aflnt fmly Accept div& wido CNB # 8982489148, 9407787050

41 /5'10 Agarwal unmaried boy B.Tech- IIT ,MBA-IIM Sr. Manager MNC 80 Lpa accept div & widow caste no bar, no dowry 9977939929, 9179132579

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

WANTED educated bengali girl for divorcee 42 yrs staying with daughter of 10 yrs; Hindu; 5ft 6 in; self employed; well established; 9831026782

AYODHYA U.P. based Probasi Bengali Kayastha H'some Boy 28/5'11" Teacher settled seeks b'ful,well edu. pref. B.Ed Girl, caste no bar. #9450711793,9473789386

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2 key NDA allies attack Assam CM for scrapping namaz break

JDU, LJP Bat For Freedom Of Religious Practices

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File photo of BJP chief JP Nadda (C) with LJP's Chirag Paswan (L) and JDU's Nitish Kumar. LJP and JDU had previously questioned the Centre's lateral entry move without compliance of quota provision

New Delhi: Key NDA allies JDU and LJP have expressed their disagreement with Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and criticised the state assembly's decision to discontinue its two-hour Friday break for Muslim MLAs to offer namaz. Sarma, however, defended the decision stating that it was reached through consensus among Hindu and Muslim legislators.

JDU functionary Neeraj Kumar criticised the Assam govt's decision to end the practice of a two-hour adjournment for Jumma prayers in the state assembly. He said Sarma should focus instead on issues like poverty alleviation and flood prevention.

"The decision made by the Assam chief minister is against the core principles of the country's Constitution. Every religious belief has the right to preserve its traditions. I want to ask CM Sarma: You are imposing a ban on Friday holidays during Ramzan and claim that this will increase work efficiency. A significant part of Hindu tradition is the Maa Kamakhya Temple — can you impose a ban on the practice of sacrifice there?" he said.

Sarma, however, defended the decision: "The Hindus and Muslims of our assembly sat in the MLA's Rule Committee and unanimously resolved that the two-hour break is not right. We should work during this period as well. This practice started in 1937 and has been discontinued from yesterday."

Senior JDU functionary K C Tyagi said the Preamble of the Constitution provides for liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship. No one should do anything which hurts the spirit of the Constitution and the religious sentiments of people, Tyagi said.

LJP's Delhi president Raju Tiwari also raised objections to the Assam govt decision, suggesting that the freedom of religious practices must be respected.

The two allies from Bihar had recently questioned the lateral entry move of the Centre without compliance of quota provisions after which the decision was withdrawn.

Himanta hits back after Tejashwi jibe

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Saturday slammed RJD's Tejashwi Yadav for his remarks on the namaz break and advised him to practice before preaching. "Is there such a practice in Bihar? You (Yadav) should have implemented a four-hour break when you were deputy CM of Bihar," he added.

Yadav had said Sarma was seeking "cheap popularity" after Assam assembly scrapped the two-hour Jumma break. PTI

Entire Mollywood is answerable: Mohanlal on Hema panel report

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T'puram: Malayalam film industry is going through a "huge crisis" and it is unfair to blame Association of Malayalam Movie Artists alone as there are 21 such forums, actor **Mohanlal** said Saturday in his first reaction to allegations of harassment after release of the Hema Committee report.

Speaking after inaugurating Kerala Cricket League, Mohanlal asserted that he

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was not part of any "power group", nor was he aware of such groups. He argued that the entire film industry should be held answerable for issues raised in the report.

"Movies are only one part of society, and all sectors have such issues. The Hema Committee report is welcome. I have deposed before it (the panel) as an actor and producer. I have told them what I know," Mohanlal said.

The actor pointed out that AMMA did not have characteristics of a trade union and was like a family founded to help artistes. "I resigned as AMMA president because we found its executive committee and I were getting blamed for everything, when entire Malayalam movie industry is answerable," he said.

Maintaining that he does not have "answers to everything", Mohanlal expressed fears that the industry, which employed thousands, could collapse. "I don't have an 'yes' or 'no' answer. Please don't blame only us. There is a system, a govt, police and courts. My view is that anyone who has committed a mistake should be punished," he said. At the same time, he indicated it was time to "start a clean-up" and "take things forward for a better future". "Let's start with the Malayalam industry. This is a crisis. There is a need to reconstruct the industry."

The actor batted for an association that would represent junior artistes — several of whom have alleged harassment after the report's release.

Ganja seized in TN, students held

A 1,000-member police team Saturday arrested 21 people — including college students, a rowdy and a dhaba owner — for possessing narcotics during a raid at a gated community in Tamil Nadu's Chengalpattu district, occupied mostly by engineering college students, reports **A Selvaraj**. Police filed 20 cases and seized 500g ganja, six ganja chocolates, 20ml ganja oil and five packets of bhang among other things.

The operation went on for five hours from 7.30am at the four-storey complex that has 688 flats in 22 towers and is home to around 3,000 students. The police team also caught a rowdy, identified as G Selvamani (29), who is involved in 13 cases including two murders.

3 jumbos found dead in K'taka

In less than five days, three elephants were found dead inside Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve in Karnataka. Forest officers said all three died of natural causes. On Aug 27, carcasses of two tuskers were found in two different areas of the reserve. The carcass of a 40-year-old tusker was recovered from Betalakatte. Both tusks were recovered from the carcass, an officer said. The carcass of another tusker, 45-year-old, was found at Bailuru on the same day. Both its tusks were intact. The officers said this tusker likely died seven months ago. Meanwhile, on Friday, the carcass of a cow elephant was found in Mavattur. Officials said the jumbo died a week ago. TNN

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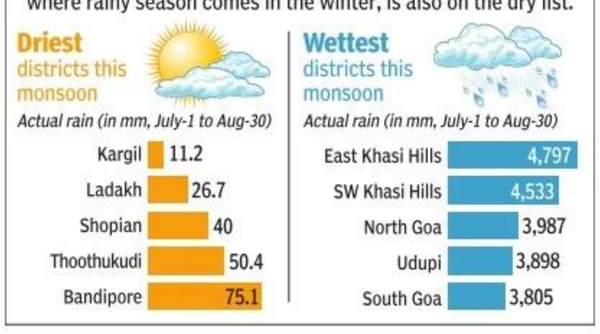
THIS MONSOON'S DRIEST AND WETTEST DISTRICTS

Meghalaya's East Khasi Hill district, where Mawsynram and Cherrapunji are located, received the maximum rainfall this monsoon. Karnataka's Agumbe (in Shivamogga district and known as south's Cherrapunji) is also on the wet list. Kargil in Ladakh's cold desert was the driest. Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi, where rainy season comes in the winter, is also on the dry list.



Drugs 'planted' on man, 4 Mum cops suspended

Mumbai: Four Mumbai police personnel were suspended on Saturday for not following formal procedure while detaining a person on "suspicious behaviour" and frisking him, reports **Nitasha Natu**. The person frisked alleged one of the cops planted drugs on him. A CCTV clip of the incident, which occurred on Aug 30, is viral.

Shahbaaz Khan, had put up a shed on a property under dispute. The CCTV clip showed a plainclothed cop approach Khan's aide Dylan, who was at the shed, and frisk him. Khan alleged the cop planted drugs on Dylan in the process. The cop was then joined by his colleagues and Dylan was taken to the police station. Khan said it appeared Dylan was going to be framed in a case of narcotics possession due to the property dispute. Dylan was released after Khan spoke to seniors cops.

Man, 72, assaulted on train over 'beef', 3 held

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Nashik: Govt Railway Police (GRP) identified and detained three men Saturday following a viral video showing the manhandling of a 72-year-old passenger belonging to the minority community on the Dhule-LTT Express on Aug 28. In the clip, the attackers were heard questioning the elderly man if he was carrying beef.

The attack occurred near Igatpuri station, as the train was en route to Mumbai. GRP sources said the attack happened following an argument over seating. The detained passengers claimed the elderly man was carrying raw beef. The man denied this, saying he was carrying buffalo meat and had thrown it out of the train following the confrontation. "This allegation cannot be verified as there is no sample of the substance," a GRP officer said.

According to GRP state commissioner Ravindra Shisve, the man boarded the general compartment of the train at Jalgaon, north Maharashtra. He was on his way to Kalyan. "We took down

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his complaint and tracked down three co-passengers, who can be seen in the video harassing him. The three men are being taken to Thane for further investigation," the officer said.

Thane GRP registered an FIR based on the old man's statement. "He is currently at his daughter's home and is safe," said Shisve.

Singer held in Assam for 'inciting' hatred

Guwahati: A young singer from Assam's Dhubri district was taken into custody Saturday for allegedly inciting hostility against the state's ethnic communities through his song, reports **Kangkan Kalita**.

The lyrics by Altap Hussain bear resemblance to a Bangladeshi protest song "desh ta tomar baaper naki" (is the country owned by your father?). The viral song has attracted criticism from ethnic groups, amid a backlash against "Miyas" following the gang rape of a class 10 student from the minority community in Nagaon. Miya is a euphemism, often used disparagingly to refer to immigrant Muslims of Bangladeshi origin. However, the song also calls for communal harmony, describing Assam as a land with a history of unity and appealing to people of all faiths to work together for the state's prosperity.

Ajit Pawar skips trip to Hedgewar memorial

Abhishek Choudhari | TNN

Nagpur: Maharashtra deputy CM **Ajit Pawar** skipped a visit to Smruti Mandir, a memorial dedicated to RSS founder KB Hedgewar, while CM Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis went there to pay floral tribute on Saturday. All three were together for a Ladki Bahin event at Reshimbagh ground, next to Smruti Mandir.

Pawar skipping the visit to Hedgewar memorial is being looked at through an electoral lens as his party is the only Mahayuti ally to carry a "secular" tag. Analysts feel that Pawar would not want to disturb a potential vote bank just months before elections.

A NCP (Ajit) politician from Nagpur, who did not wish to be identified, said, "Ajit dada had a pre-arranged meeting after the event. That is all we can say for now."

Opposition leaders say Ajit Pawar has exposed the fault lines within the Mahayuti by skipping the Hedgewar memorial visit. Duneshwar Pethe, president of the NCP (Sharad Pawar) Nagpur unit, said, "This shows Mahayuti allies are together only for selfish reasons. They have no ideological similarity and are joining hands for the sake of staying in power."

Ajit Pawar is seen as the only face in the Mahayuti with potential to pull minority votes. But skipping the memorial visit might further irk RSS & BJP voters who already blame him for the LS debacle.

Man linked to radicalisation bid arrested at B'luru airport

Bengaluru/Chennai: NIA arrested a key member of Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT), Aziz Ahmed alias Jaleel Aziz Ahmed of Tamil Nadu, at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport Friday night, shortly before he was to board a flight. Ahmed was involved in attempts to radicalise youth to establish an Islamic caliphate in India. Officials said he was going abroad to escape the NIA probe.

The case was filed earlier this year against six accused, influenced by the ideology of Hizb-ut-Tahrir — an international pan-Islamist and fundamentalist group that wants to establish an Islamic caliphate and enforce the constitution written by HuT founder Taqi al-Din al-Nabhani. The six accused were arrested by Chennai Police under UAPA in May.

NIA said Ahmed had conducted secret 'bayaan' classes to indoctrinate the youth into the ideology of HuT, "which seeks military assistance from forces inimical to India to achieve its nefarious goal". TNN

IAF chopper airlifts damaged pvt copter, jettisons it midair

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The IAF pilot is believed to have lost control due to a sudden change in weather conditions, due to which he had to jettison the helicopter for safety reasons

Dehradun: A defective helicopter of a private company, being airlifted by an IAF Mi-17 chopper for repairs, crashed near the Mandakini river, close to the Tharu base camp in Lincholi, narrowly missing a group of pilgrims and locals on the Kedarnath route around 7am on Saturday. There were no passengers or luggage on board the defective helicopter.

The Mi-17 is believed to have faced a sudden change in weather conditions while transporting the helicopter to the Gauchar airstrip for repairs. The helicopter, operated by Kestrel Aviation, had been grounded near the Kedarnath helipad since May 24, when it was forced to make an emergency landing due to technical issues.

Rudraprayag's district disaster management officer, Nandan Singh Rajwar, told **TOI**, "The pilot began losing control due to strong winds. Shortly after takeoff, the Mi-17 started to lose balance. It appears the winds and weight of the helicopter were contributing factors. The Mi-17 pilot's alertness ensured the helicopter fell away from people."

Rescue teams confirmed there was no major damage or loss of life in the mishap.

"The IAF Mi-17 V5, while airlifting a damaged Kestrel civil helicopter in Uttarakhand today, had to jettison the load due to flight safety reasons. The crew safely released the load over an unpopulated area, ensuring no damage to life or property. An inquiry has been ordered," IAF wrote on X.

After own home, Manipur BJP neta's ancestral house torched

Guwahati: Unidentified people vandalised and set afire the ancestral house of Manipur BJP spokesman from the Thadou tribe, T Michael Lamjathang Haokip, in Churachandpur district Saturday, reports **Prabin Kalita**. The arson happened when members of the Kuki-Zo community were taking out rallies demanding a separate administration and protesting against an audio clip containing objectionable comments made allegedly by CM N Biren Singh. CMO has called the audio doctored.

Last Sunday, unidentified people vandalised Haokip's own house in which his parents and four families displaced by the violence live. After the attack, a video appeared on social media of a man brandishing a gun and a bullet and threatening to kill Haokip. He filed a case saying two people asked members of a WhatsApp group to murder him and one of them promised to give his "village land" to anyone who claims the life of the BJP spokesperson.

The CM said govt will punish the attackers and take action against officers for not ensuring security despite threats.

47 Indians freed from cyber scam centres in Laos

Vientiane: At least 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres in Laos have been rescued, the Indian embassy in the Southeast Asian country said on Saturday. Indian authorities have been cautioning its nationals against fake job offers in Laos and urging them to conduct thorough due diligence to avoid being deceived. The Indian mission has so far freed 635 Indians from the country and ensured their safe return to India.

In the latest case, the embassy rescued 47 Indians trapped in cyber scam centres at the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone in Bokeo province.

The embassy in a statement said 30 Indians have already returned to India or are on their way, while the remaining 17 are awaiting travel arrangements to be firmed up and would be leaving the country soon. PTI

Kerala CPM removes key neta with BJP 'links' as LDF convener

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CM Pinarayi Vijayan had earlier cautioned E P Jayarajan (right) to be vigilant in his associations, after the latter admitted he had met BJP neta Prakash Javadekar

Thiruvananthapuram: The governing CPM in Kerala on Saturday said its veteran functionary E P Jayarajan will no longer hold the post of LDF convener and will be replaced by party politician T P Ramakrishnan. CPM state secretary M V Govindan made the announcement at a press conference here following the party's state committee meeting during the day.

Govindan said Jayarajan was no longer the LDF convener due to statements made by him during the Lok Sabha polls and certain limitations he had in carrying out the Left front's activities. These issues were discussed in the state committee meeting and a decision was arrived at, he said.

The veteran Marxist politician has reportedly been under fire from the party ever since he had admitted, in April, to meeting BJP neta Prakash Javadekar. Following the revelation, CM Pinarayi Vijayan had cautioned his party colleague to be vigilant in his associations.

Speculation was rife since Saturday morning that Jayarajan had resigned or was removed from the post of LDF convener after he abstained from the CPM state committee meeting and returned to his house in Kannur.

Earlier, Congress-led UDF opposition used the development to claim it vindicates their allegation that Jayarajan had links with BJP politicians Prakash Javadekar and Rajeev Chandrasekhar. PTI

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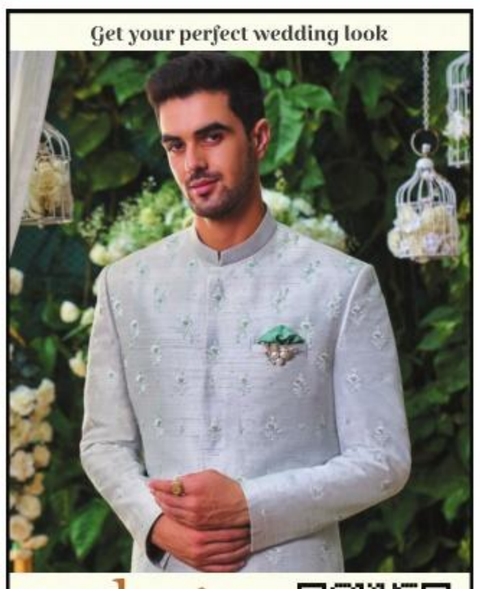

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PQM4 Sanadya Brahmin Veg. Girl Aug.93/5'2" BTech, MBA, working in Big4 Gurgaon. Family based at Jaipur. W'app/Call: 9928778834

M4 b'ful Bhardwaj girl BAMS MHA,Ayurvedic Dr,wkg 25.7.93 /5'3",Delhi b'sd edu fmly, fthr retd Sr.Govt Ofcr,seeks well stld veg N.mglk boy. 9818874048

SUITABLE Match for fair, beautiful Brahmin (Veg/Non Veg) girl 28/5'8" B.Tech MBA. Wkg. MNC. Delhi based family. Contact- 9582693380, 9811962123

SM4 Brahmin Girl May 1994 Born 5'4", Ph.D & Teaching Univ. Delhi. Father Retd. Army Offr. Pref. Army Offr, IAS, Prof. Govt College. # 9873412676

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PQM for Kayastha (Mathur) Girl, Nov 96/5'2", B.Tech. MBA, Working in MNC, Jaipur-based family, Contact- 8209246591, 8107396016

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MTECH IIT, 29 yrs/5'2", Engr in MNC, Blr, 23 lpa, Kayastha, Non Manglik, hometown Bareilly, UP Seeks suitable match Mb:8840968113,9140598606

B.TECH, MS(USA), Mathur Fair, Slim Girl June 94/5'5", Wkg at Bangalore seeks suitable match frm reputed fmly only. W'ap / Ph: 9717339288

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SM4 Kshatriya Girl 26/5'6" Fair, Working in ICICI Bank Deputy Manager New Delhi, seeks Govt./Semi Govt. working boy. Contact: 9450511697

SAINI

SM4 Saini 5'3",Sep92 b'ful N/M B.tech, MBA (IIM) wkg MNC Bnglore 40 Lpa DLI bsd. seek cst no bar edu sttld MBA boy 9868324421, 9873660961

VAISH

SM4 Gupta girl 01.09.1990, 6:10 AM/5'5" Kanpur(Rauni yar Vaish) Kashyap Gotra B.Tech (IT) Kurukshetra Univ wkg in IT Co. 8901005865

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GUPTA Girl, 5'3", Jan 92, B.A. LLB (Hons), from well settled family of Delhi NCR, Mgr in Big 4 Consulting in Gurugram. Contact # 9818733777

B'FUL Garg Girl Dec 89/5'1" P. Grad. Govt. bank Employee require Emplyed Govt./MNC, Upper caste, in Delhi NCR/ Metro. Contact #9417492333

B'FUL fair 35/ 5' Agarwal divorcee working doctor girl MBBS, MD pathology prefer doctor match of delhi Ncr area 8650277038 / 8958839235

AGARWAL oct 97, 5'3" B.Tech (C S)gov. Job, bombay seeks working handsome boy 9759497273

PQM4 Agarwal-Garg Girl 32 /5'2" BE Bits Pilani Wkg MNC Banglore, 1cr. yearly. Groom job Bangalore only# 9414625-925. anilgsomnath@gmail.com

SM4 South Delhi Based Aggarwal Girl Post Graduate 27/5'3" wrkg MNC in Gurgaon. 37LPA, Seeks Well Edu. Working boy Delhi/NCR. 9810036668

PQM4 B.ful Singhal girl 5'5" Sep 91 B.com/MBA, Working MNC. Pref. B'tech/CA/MBA # 9215542395 , sumanpawangupta@gmail.com

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BHUMIHAR

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JAT

SEEKS W'Stld boy4 Jat girl 1987/5'4" Fair M.Com, B.ed teacher, father CL-1 (Retd), edu cultred fmly. Pref. Hry & tricity uppr cast #8368189727

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RAJPUT

PQM4 Rept'd Family Rajput Girl 27/5'4" b'ful, P.G., Sr. Economist Big 4 Co. Pkg 21 Lpa Seeks Prof. well settled Boy/Family Mob. 9876639681

PQM4 Rajput Chauhan Girl Vats gotra 31/5'3" B.Tech (CS) wkg Sr. S/W Engr MNC Noida 26 LPA Caste no bar. Exc. mar. bur. 9643022806/9582620728

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MBA/CA

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SM4 Ramdasia Sikh girl , Sep 91 , 5'4". PhD , Asst Professor . Father Retd bureaucrat . WA 8146521025

SIKH Khatri unmarried girl, 1986 born, 5'1", B.Tech , Central Govt. job seeks suitable ND Del based match WhatsApp 9911675688

GENERAL

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MBBS, MS (GYNAE) 33 yrs 5'3" fair b'ful chauhan Dehradun based girl seeks Alliance of Govt Officer CA Doctor, Father IFS Cont: 8475861447

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PM: Need speedy justice in crimes against women

'Such Action To Assure Women Of Security'

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New Delhi: Indirectly referring to the societal revulsion over the brutal rape-murder of a young doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said swift judicial decisions, adequately dealing with perpetrators of crime against women, would assure half the country's population of their safety and security.

Speaking at the first national conference of judicial officers, as part of a series of programmes to mark the 75th year of SC, Modi said stringent laws have been enacted to deter crime against women and the proposal for creation of fast-track courts was finalised in 2019. "The need of the hour is their implementation," he said.

ANI

Students hold a rally in Kolkata on Saturday against the rape-murder of a doctor. Ease of justice is a top priority, Modi said

Speaking to more than 800 judicial officers attending the conference, PM Modi said, "I want to draw your attention to a burning issue in society and the country. Today crimes against women and children are a serious concern for society. Stringent laws have been enacted for the safety and security of women. In 2019, the govt implemented the fast-track court proposal, under which star witnesses are to depose from a specially created witness room."

"In implementing these, the role of district monitoring committees will be of great importance. This committee comprises the district judge, district magistrate and superintendent of police. They have a key role to play in coordinating between different branches of the criminal justice system (investigation of crime, prosecution and decision in the case)," he said.

"We must make these committees more active. In cases relating to crime against women, expeditious decisions by courts would provide an assurance of security to half of the population," Modi said.

On the achievements of the NDA govt, the PM said, "We have been working in mission mode for the past 10 years to make justice accessible to all citizens. The Supreme Court's eCommittee has been taking the lead in this regard. Ease of justice is one of the top priorities of this govt. The health and wellness of the judicial officers is also important."

CPM backs MLA named in rape case, says no need to quit

Thiruvananthapuram: Throwing its weight behind actor-cum-MLA M Mukesh, CPM in Kerala on Saturday said that he need not resign from his post as legislator merely because a rape case has been registered against him.

CPM state secretary M V Govindan justified the party decision by pointing out that according to the National Election Watch Report, 16 MPs and 135 MLAs from parties across the country, including from the BJP, Congress, TDP and AAP, were accused of crimes against women but had not resigned as legislators. "Therefore, there is no need for him to resign from his post as MLA," he said at a press conference here following the party's state committee meeting here during the day.

He said that even Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said a day ago that every person should be given the opportunity to prove their innocence. "Mukesh is an accused right now. He has not been found guilty. The two are different. If he is found guilty, then appropriate action would be taken against him. We are not protecting him," Govindan said.

An FIR was registered against the actor on Wednesday on the complaint by a woman who has appeared in a handful of movies. She had alleged that Mukesh sexually assaulted her years ago. PTI

2nd case against director Ranjith

A second case for a sexual offence has been registered against director Ranjith on a complaint by a male actor in this district, police said on Saturday. An FIR under sections 377 of IPC and section 66 Eof the IT Act was lodged against the director on Friday at Kasaba police station, a senior police officer said.

The complainant actor has alleged that director called him to a hotel in Bengaluru in 2012, asked him to strip and took his nude photos. PTI

Publish report on sex harassment in Telugu film world: Samantha

Hyderabad: Ripples of the Hema Committee report on gender discrimination and sexual harassment in the Malayalam film industry have reached the Telugu film industry. Women actors in Tollywood led by **Samantha Ruth Prabhu** have urged Telangana govt to make public the 2022 findings of a sub-committee report on workplace sexual harassment in the Telugu film industry, reports **Sushil Rao**.

Apart from Samantha, director Nandini Reddy, actress Lakshmi Manchu, singers Chinmayi Sripada and Kausalya, anchors Suma Kanakala and Jhansi and many others also shared a common message on their social media platforms, urging state govt to make the report public.

Set up in 2019, sub-committee — comprising senior govt officials, police and civil society members — submitted its report in July 2022. The report's findings, however, have not been made public by govt so far.

CJI: Women pipped men in latest hiring for judicial officers

New Delhi: CJI **D Y Chandrachud** on Saturday said more and more young women are choosing judiciary as their first choice of career and revealed that in the latest rounds of recruitment of judicial officers, women comprised 72% in Kerala, 66% in Delhi, 58% in Rajasthan and 54% in UP, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

Speaking at the national conference of district judiciary at Bharat Mandapam, Justice Chandrachud said this trend is getting replicated in other states too and it is the job of the constitutional courts, the high courts and the Supreme Court, to train the judicial officers to give back to the society given the fact that there has been a huge improvement in their salary structures and infrastructural facilities.

During the inauguration of the conference, PM Narendra Modi released a postal stamp and a Rs 75 coin embossed with a picture of SC building to mark the 75th year of Supreme Court. The PM said, "The journey of the SC is not only the journey of an important institution of Indian democracy but is a journey of the Constitution and constitutional values, a journey of our democracy and the countless contributions of framers of the Constitution and the public."

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who would succeed Justice Chandrachud as CJI on Nov 11, said district courts, which handle ten times the cases handled by HCs, seldom get the limelight even though they are the first point of contact for people for resolution of disputes and redressal of grievances.

He said despite the huge pendency of 4.5 crore cases in district judiciary, the judicial officers have tried to keep pace with the institution of fresh cases every year. Justice Khanna said the disposal rate of civil cases has improved from 90.5% in 2018 to 99.61% in 2023.

Centre hits back at Didi after her letter to PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Responding to Mamata Banerjee's letter to PM Modi, Union minister for women and child development Annapurna Devi said West Bengal CM gave "factually incorrect" information in "what appears to be" an attempt "to cover up the delay in operationalising Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)".

Banerjee, first wrote to PM Modi on Aug 22 following the nationwide uproar over the rape and murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on Aug 9. In her fresh missive to PM on Friday, Banerjee outrightly rejected the points raised by the WCD minister related to serious gaps in implementation in West Bengal of central schemes involving FTSCs and women's helpline. The WCD minister followed up with a letter addressed to Banerjee later at night on Friday.

On the status of FTSCs and exculsive Pocso courts in West Bengal, the WCD minister says, "according to information received from Calcutta HC, West Bengal has established 88 FTCs, which are not the same as FTSCs covered under central govt's scheme."

Man tries to hit Giriraj at public event, arrested

Begusarai: Police on Saturday arrested a man after he allegedly tried to manhandle Union minister Giriraj Singh in Bihar's Begusarai.

The accused, who was beaten up by Singh's supporters before handing him over to police, had come to the MP's 'Janta Darbar' with a petition. "The bearded person dressed like a Moulvi came with a petition and asked me to look into it. I told him that the Janta Darbar is over and he should have come on time. He then started shouting slogans against me. At one point, it appeared that he would physically attack me," Singh added. PTI

After Champai, former JMM MLA joins BJP

Ranchi: A day after former Jharkhand CM Champai Soren's induction into BJP, another tribal functionary and JMM rebel, Lobin Hembrom, joined the saffron party ahead of the assembly polls. Lobin was welcomed to the party by state BJP chief Babulal Marandi in presence of LoP Amar Bauri and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is also Jharkhand co-in-charge for the elections, reports **ASRP Mukesh**.

JMM recently expelled Lobin and his assembly membership was terminated after he rebelled against the party and fought independently in the LS polls.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE, U. P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN), Opp. Car Scan Centre, Ramghat Road, Aligarh-202001
Letter No.: 1188/Nivida/62
Dated : 30.08.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) online e-tenders on turn-key percentage rate basis in Two bid system are invited for execution of **"Aligarh Municipal Limit Extension Water Supply Scheme Group A Under AMRUT 2.0 Programme."** are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidders. E-Bid documents will be available for download from **07.09.2024** by **17:00 Hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated **18.09.2024** at **12:00 hrs.** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till **03.10.2024** up to **17:00 Hrs.** and technical bid shall be opened on **04.10.2024** at **15:00 Hrs.** in the **Office of the Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Aligarh** in presence of contractors or their authorized representatives. E-tender document Cost is Rs. 20,000.00+GST @ 18%. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in & U.P.J.N. (Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

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Approximate Cost :₹ 3588882/-	**Earnest Money** :₹ 71800/-

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1. For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to 1530 Hrs. on date 20.09.2024 **1537/24(DG)**

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Date : 31.08.2024

Short Tender Notice for sale of SMP & Ghee

OMFED invites sealed tender for sale of SMP & Ghee available at OMTDC. The Bid document is available in the website: **www.omfed.com** from 10.00 AM of 31.08.2024 to 2.00 PM of 06.09.2024 & last date of bid submission at Omfed on 06.09.2024 at 02.00 PM. The Techno-Commercial bids shall be opened at 3.00 P.M of 06.09.2024 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document or part thereof without assigning any reason. Any addendums/corrigendum will be published only on our website.

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JHARCRAFT

Short Tender for supply of Security Personnel on outsourcing basis

Ref. No. 1087 **Date: - 30.08.2024**

1. Separate bids (Technical & Financial) are invited for Security Personnel on outsourcing basis:
2. Non-transferable bid documents containing detailed descriptions of Security Personnel, Security In-charge and Gunman. Other terms & conditions for Tender document format may be downloaded from www.jharcraft.in. The tender money of Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred) only in the form of demand draft in favour of "Jharkhand Silk, Textile and Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd." payable at Ranchi must be enclosed along with the bid of Security Personnel as mentioned above for the documents downloaded from the website.
3. Interested bidders are advised to go through the website: www.jharcraft.in list of requirement, eligibility criteria etc. and submit the bid with relevant documents as per the guidelines given in the tender documents.

Date and time schedule:-

1	Address for submission of tender	The Managing Director, Jharcraft, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand
2	Date of Publication of Bid on website	31-08-2024
3	Bid document download start date	31-08-2024
4	Bid submission start date	02-09-2024
5	Last date of submission of hard copy of Bid/EMD/Tender fee	18-09-2024 by 05:00 pm
6	Opening of Bid	19-09-2024 at 11:30 am

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Managing Director, AMSCL

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APPENDIX IV-A
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to **Indiabulls Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. [CIN : U67110MH2006PLC305312] ("Secured Creditor")**, the **physical possession** of which lies with the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is"** basis on **19.09.2024** from **04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**, for recovery of the following outstanding amounts due to the Secured Creditor :

S. No.	Loan Account Number	Outstanding Amounts (in Rs.) as on 27.08.2024
1.	B008XXXI (Old Loan Account No. LAP0240519)	Rs. 245,55,98,449/- (Rupees Two Hundred Forty Five Crore Fifty Five Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine Only)
2.	I003XXXI (Old Loan Account No. LAP0240520)	Rs. 185,39,77,990/- (Rupees One Hundred Eighty Five Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Only)
3.	I001XXXI (Old Loan Account No. (LAP0240522)	Rs. 182,64,16,901/- (Rupees One Hundred Eighty Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred One Only)
TOTAL		Rs. 613,59,93,340/- (Rupees Six Hundred Thirteen Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Only)

The amounts mentioned in the table given above are pending towards the respective Loan Accounts of the Secured Creditor, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **27.08.2024** with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement(s) and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. **28.08.2024** along with legal expenses and other charges, due to the Secured Creditor from the Borrowers being **M/S BLISS HOUSE PVT. LTD., IMAGINE HABITAT PVT. LTD., IMAGINE RESIDENCE PVT. LTD., M/S. BLISS AGRI AND ECO TOURISM PRIVATE LIMITED, MRS. BINDU KAPOOR and MR. RANA KAPOOR.**

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GS-02b	Equipment for Interim Campus Workshop-Welding Lab	07/09/2024 at 11:30 AM [IST]	30/09/2024 at 2:00 PM [IST]
GS-05g	Procurement of Additional IT Equipment for PMU	NA	16/09/2024 at 2:00 PM [IST]

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STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S/17/2024-25, Dtd: 29-08-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

Sl.No.:1; Tender No. : 30/24/1162/OT/138/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 16-09-2024.
Brief Description: Glass unit for fixed window for AC two tier to RCF Drg no. LW 54104, ALT-g Mat. Spec.:-As per Drawing. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty- 1200 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 600 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty- 700 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 4) Qty- 100 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), 5) Qty- Katihar/GSD, NFR (Bihar). P.L.No-33564103.

Sl.No.:2; Tender No. : 30/24/5040A/OT/139/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 16-09-2024.
Brief Description: Nickel-Cadmium Batteries Set for WDP4 HHP Locomotives to DLW Pt. No. 17051472 & DRG. No. 10609375 and conforming to RDSO Specn No. MP.0.51.01.02(Rev-02) June 2009 (Each set consist 10 Nos=50 Nos). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. Qty-50 Nos for SSE/D/New Guwahati, NFR (Assam). P.L.No- 336800100010.

Sl.No.:3; Tender No. : 37/24/0708A/OT/140/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 16-09-2024.
Brief Description: "Bogie Centre Pivot Bottom for Casnub Bogie." RDSO Drawing No: WD-85079-S/2, Item-1, Alt-27. Material Spec: As Per Drawing. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty- 478 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), 2) Qty- 428 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty-275 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 4) Qty- 57 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-38106334.

Sl.No.:4; Tender No. : 30/24/1181/OT/141/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 18-09-2024.
Brief Description: HIGH TENSILE AAR 'H' TYPE TIGHTLOCK CBC FOR BG LHB PASSENGER COACHES. MAT. SPEC.: RDSO/2011/CG-03 (Rev-03). [Warranty Period: 84 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty-150 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 150 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-33681200.

Sl.No.:5; Tender No. : 61/24/5259/OT/142/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 18-09-2024.
Brief Description: Manufacturing & supply of High Viscous Nylon-66 Insulating Liner (HVN Liner) to RDSO Drg. No. T-3707 & 3708 for use with PSC Sleeper to Drg. No. RT-2496 suitable to 60kg UIC/60EI/52 Kg Rail. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. Qty- 600000 Set for SSE/P.WAY/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-60065059.

Sl.No.:6; Tender No. : 61/24/5287/OT/143/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 20-09-2024.
Brief Description: (1 in 8.5 WCMSC) 1-in-8$^1/_2$ BG 60 Kg Weldable CMS Crossing on PSC sleepers in accordance with RDSOs standard drawing No. T-6441 including supply of 6mm thick grooved rubber sole plates (drawing no.RDSO/T-6198 to RDSO/T-6203, RDSO/T-6800, 6800/1, 6801, 6801/1/1), excluding standard fish plates, fish bolts and nuts, E.R. Clips, insulating liner etc. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: Yes, Stages:1]. Qty-145 Set for SSE/P.WAY/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-60060281.

Sl.No.:7; Tender No. : 61/24/5164/OT/144/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 23-09-2024.
Brief Description: Elastic Rail Clip MK.III with flat toe 60 kg UIC/52 kg rail sections to Drg. No. RDSO T-3701 with specification conforming to IRS-T-31-2021 with latest amendment, if any, with alt no. 7 with latest alterations, if any. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp.: NA, Stages: 0]. Qty-778987 Nos for SSE/P.WAY/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-60110016.

Sl.No.:8; Tender No. : 61/24/5293/OT/145/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 23-09-2024.
Brief Description: Manufacture and Supply of Improved Switch Expansion Joint, 52 Kg with RDSO Drg. No. T-6930 with all fittings complete but excluding ERC, GRSP, Fish Plates, Fish Bolts and Nuts and GFN/Metal Liners having IRS Specification T-10-2000 with the latest alteration up to date of opening of tender. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: Yes, Stages:1]. Qty-145 Set for SSE/P.WAY/TD/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No- 60090169.

Sl.No.:9; Tender No. : 30/24/1471/OT/146/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 23-09-2024.
Brief Description: Glass unit for emergency window to RCF's drg. No. LW-54138, alt.no. 'd' Mat. Spec.:-As Per Drawing. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty- 1040 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 1510 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty-34 Nos for Katihar/GSD, NFR (Bihar), 4) Qty- 494 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 5) Qty- 89 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L.No- 33566756.

Sl.No.:10; Tender No. : 30/24/0662/OT/147/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 23-09-2024.
Brief Description: BRAKE CYLINDER WITH HAND BRAKE ARRANGE-MENT FOR LHB COACHES. PART NO. M/S KNORR BREMSE PART NO.II 82516/1204 LP OR BRAKE CYLINDER WITH HAND BRAKE ATTACHMENT {PBACM 254-130} FOR LHB COACHES. PART NO. M/S FAIVELEY PART NO.4F-125187 or Similar. Mat. Spec.:-RDSO/2011/CG-04 Rev-03. [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty - 10 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 38 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty- Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-33510192.

Sl.No.:11; Tender No. : ML245110/OT/148/24-25; Closing/Opening Date: 03-10-2024.
Brief Description: Supply, erection, installation, testing and commissioning of 3 ton pillar mounted JIB Crane with Electric Hoist as per MLDT Spec No DLS/MLDT/EL/JIB Crane/004/2024. Qty-2 Nos.

Sl.No.:12; Tender No. : 37/24/0643/OT/149/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 11-09-2024.
Brief Description: "Boister Spring Outer for Casnub 22HS Bogie."Material Spec: Big Spec.IS: 3195 Gr-60 S17 & RDSO Spec No:WD-01-HLS-94(Rev04) RDSO Drawing No WD- 92058-S-5,item -1, alt-13. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. i) Qty- 2719 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), ii) Qty- 1498 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), iii)Qty-837 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), iv) Qty-82 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR(Assam). P.L.No-38040177.

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The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const/Northern Railway, New Delhi-110055 invites EPC-Tender under Single Stage **Two Packet System** for the under noted work:-

Name of work and location

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Completion period of the work	12 Months
Approx. Cost of work	Rs.43,07,75,256.18
Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 21,53,900/-
Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded **14.00 hrs** on date 31.08.2024 on IREPS web site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.00 hrs on **01.10.2024**
Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from **31.08.2024 to 25.09.2024.** All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 334-Dy CEE/C/NDLS/2023-24/EPC(R-1) Dated: 31.08.2024 2720/2024

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Will double Ladki Bahin payout if govt returns with 'more power': Maha CM

Abhishek.Choudhari@timesofindia.com

Nagpur: Mahayuti alliance leaders made a strong poll pitch at a Ladki Bahin event in Nagpur on Saturday, with chief minister **Eknath Shinde** promising to double the monthly payout under the scheme from the current Rs 1,500, if their govt is given "more power" in the upcoming elections.

Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar also rallied around the election plank, with the former warning that the opposition was trying to shut down the scheme. Shinde used a bit of Bollywood flair to make his point, saying, "Yeh toh trailer tha, picture abhi baaki hai."

"We will take the monthly payout to Rs 2,500, then Rs 3,000. Our intention is to give much higher than that. For that, you have to give us more power," he added.

Shinde said the opposition was crying hoarse because it had realised the popularity of the scheme and feared its political fallout. Pawar said, "Elections will be held in Nov and if you vote us to power, I promise the scheme will continue for another five years." The scheme was a great help for "women suffering due to poverty", the NCP chief said, adding the opposition "does not understand this...(because) they were born with a silver spoon".

Fadnavis said Congress was behind a PIL filed against the scheme at the Nagpur bench of Bombay high court. "This is the true face of the opposition," he added.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari said: "Former Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Chouhan had launched a similar scheme and it helped women tremendously there.."

9.5cr voters in final Maha rolls, under 2% aged 18-19 years

Womens' Tally Up 10L, No. Of Male Voters Rises 6.8L

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Maharashtra has 4.9 crore male voters, while female voters number 4.6 crore

Mumbai: Maharashtra has 9.53 crore voters, according to the final electoral roll published on August 30, ahead of the upcoming state assembly polls. This is a rise of 16.9 lakh voters in just three weeks since the draft roll was published on August 6.

The state, however, has only 18.6 lakh voters in the 18-19 age group of young and first-time voters. This accounts for less than 2% of the state's total voters. However, the number of voters in this category has risen by as much as 3.7 lakh in the three-week period since the draft roll was published, thanks to colleges and NGOs who helped in the registration process.

Although male voters outnumber women, the rise of women voters has been higher during this three-week span, shows data. The state has 4.9 crore male voters compared to 4.6 crore female voters. However, since August 6, the number of male voters has risen by 6.8 lakh while the number of women voters has risen by 10 lakh. The gender ratio among women voters in the state has risen from 925 to 933 during this period. "Anganwadi workers, women's self-help groups and housing societies have helped in the significant increase in the registration of women voters in the state," said a statement from the Chief Electoral Officer (Maharashtra).

Pune district has the highest number of voters (86 lakh) followed by Mumbai suburban (75.8 lakh) and Thane (70 lakh). The tribal district of Gadchiroli in Vidarbha has the lowest voters in the state (8.1 lakh).

Women voters outnumber male voters in five of the 36 districts in the state, mainly since men migrate to cities for work from these backward regions. In the Konkan region near Mumbai, the district of Ratnagiri has 45,371 more women voters while adjoining Sindhudurg has 3,672 more women voters.

The tribal district of Nandurbar in North Maharashtra has 7,957 more women voters. The tribal district of Gondia in Vidarbha has 15,047 more women voters. The district of Bhandara which adjoins Gondia has 805 more female voters than male voters.

In terms of age groups, the 30-39 year and 40-49 year categories have the highest number of voters, with registrations crossing 2 crore. The 20-29 age group follows next with 1.8 crore voters. Significantly, the 80 and above age group has more voters at 25.4 lakh than the 18-19 year age group which has 18.6 lakh voters.

Voter registration is an ongoing process and the public can continue to register their names up to 10 days before the last date of candidate nomination in their constituency.

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NIT No. RIMS/TCCC/Onco Eqpt./63 (PC) Dated 27-08-2024
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS FOR SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS ONCOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR TCCC AT RIMS, RANCHI

E-Tenders are invited in two part (Technical & Financial Part) from the Competent/Eligible Agency/Manufacturer/Authorized Distributor for supply & installation of various Oncological equipment e.g. LINAC / Brachytherapy, C.T. Simulator / Radiotherapy Dosimetry etc. at RIMS, Ranchi. The intended bidders may visit Govt. Tender Portal **www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in** from 30.08.2024 for details of items & specifications before participating the pre-bid as per tender notice.

Tender dates are as under :
Bid submission start date: 13.09.2024
Bid submission end date: 25.09.2024

Sd/-
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.H. DIVISION, BHANJANAGAR AT CHATRAPUR
Phone-06811 263909/E-mail- eephchpr@gmail.com
CANCELLATION OF TENDER
Bid Identification No. 32/ 03 / SPH(C) / 2024-25 dt. 23.08.2024

Sl.No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Procurement of 100mm to 300mm size pipes in connection with the work- Improvement of water supply to Digapahandi NAC and Baliguda NAC under AMRUT 2.0 (SWAP-III)	Rs. 540.73 Lakh

The tender invited by this office for the above work vide Bid Identification 32/03/SPH(C)/2024-25 dt. 23.08.2024 is hereby cancelled due to Technical reason.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
P.H. Division, Bhanjanagar
at Chatrapur
OIPR-13013/11/0003/24-25

JHARKHAND STATE LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION SOCIETY (JSLPS)
(STATE RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION)
WALK – IN- SELECTION PROCESS

JSLPS is a state government supported society implementing DDU-GKY programme as SRLM in Jharkhand. As part of its plan under DDU-GKY, Migration Support Center (MSC) is already established & operationally presence at Rewari (Haryana) to extend intended support to it's targeted clients. For this propose, JSLPS requires a local team in Rewari to manage the MSC. In this light a Walk-in-Selection Process is scheduled for following short term consultant positions

Sl. No	Position Title	No. of Positions	Salary
1	Migration Support Centre Manager	1	₹ 40,000 – ₹ 45,000/ - PM
2	MIS, Accounts and Admin. Asst.	1	₹ 20,000/ - PM
3	Counsellor	1	₹ 20,000/ - PM

Date of the Walk- in Selection: 15-09-2024, (Sunday)
Venue: House No-6439, Unique Colony, Bithwana, Rewari-Bawal Road, Rewari-123 401, Haryana.
Time: 10:00 AM onwards. Registration Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Candidates will not be allowed once the registration is over. All engagement of said positions will follow the terms & conditions as approved by the JSLPS management. The detailed job responsibilities, eligibility criteria& other important information are uploaded in the website http://jslps.org/category/careers/. Candidates must read the detail and come for the selection process. Date of walk-in selection is subject to change as per requirement.

PR 334305 (Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society) 24-25 (D)

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CEO-JSLPS

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Notice No. 02/CBSAE Dt. 30.08.2024

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from Central/ State Government Nodal Agencies for Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Handholding support for integrated ICT Laboratory at University Headquarters and 13 Satellite Units at KVKs, RRTTSs, APCs and Colleges under CBSAE Development Project, OUAT, Bhubaneswar on Turnkey Basis (For 3 years). The tender documents with details of the terms and conditions and important information can be obtained from the OUAT website **(www.ouat.ac.in)** from date 30.08.2024. The sealed tender document containing technical and financial bid along with the non-refundable tender fee and EMD as specified in the tender document should reach the office of the **Principal Investigator, CBSAE Dev. Project, College of Agriculture, OUAT, Bhubaneswar-751003** by registered post/speed post/courier service on or before 27.09.2024 (till 5:00 PM). The technical and financial bids are to be submitted separately in sealed envelope/cover. The technical bids will be opened on 30.09.2024 at 11.00 am and the financial bids of the successful technical bidders will be opened on 01.10.2024 at 11.00 am.

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Guj braces for fresh spell of heavy rain as toll touches 47

Ahmedabad/Vadodara: Respite from downpours is expected to be short-lived as Gujarat braces for another round of heavy rain from Sunday, even as the official death toll in the five days of torrential showers till Aug 29 hit 47.

As per IMD, a depression formed in the Bay of Bengal is travelling towards Gujarat and Maharashtra. Heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Saurashtra, central Gujarat and south Gujarat regions till Sept 5.

Between Aug 25 and Aug 29, the maximum — seven — fatalities were reported from Jamnagar district, followed by Ahmedabad and Anand recording six deaths each. Three persons each died in Vadodara, Kheda, Mahisagar, Surendranagar and Kutch districts. While Gandhinagar, Bharuch, Dahod and Chhota Udepur recorded two deaths each, Morbi, Dang, Aravalli, Panchmahal and Devbhoomi Dwarka reported one death each. The death toll, however, doesn't include the seven bodies found in Vadodara two days ago; seven who drowned in Morbi, and two deaths due to electrocution in Vadodara.

As of Saturday, Gujarat has received 111% of seasonal rainfall. TNN

8 killed as record rain batters Andhra; IMD forecasts more trouble

Vijayawada: Eight people were killed Saturday as record rain under the influence of a low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal pounded Andhra Pradesh without a break since Friday night, causing widespread flooding, landslides, power outages, and road and rail transport disruptions, reports **Venu Lanka**.

This is the first time in several decades that several parts of coastal Andhra, particularly undivided Krishna and Guntur districts, received over 20cm of rainfall over a 12-hour period. IMD predicted more rainfall for Sunday.

Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the flood situation. Authorities declared holidays for schools and cautioned people against venturing out of their homes unless absolutely required.

Large parts of Guntur and Vijayawada remained submerged. All 70 gates of Prakasam barrage across Vijayawada were lifted to let out the flood water in the sea. Several major roads, including national highways in Krishna and Guntur districts, were inundated. Budameru river, swollen by an inflow of 16,000 cusecs of water, posed further threat to Vijayawada.

2nd landslip hits Uttarkashi, 32 families asked to move

Dehradun: A second landslide hit Varunavat Parvat in Uttarkashi on Friday, three days after the first rockfall on Tuesday that had led to the evacuation of over 200 residents.

Following the latest landslide, district authorities have asked 32 families in the Gufiyara area to shift to safer locations.

The repeated rockfall has revived memories of a series of similar landslides in 2003 when over 3,000 people were evacuated, and around 100 buildings in the hill town were damaged. Fearing a repeat of the incident 21 years later, residents of Uttarkashi, regarded as the gateway to the Char Dham shrine towns of Gangotri and Yamunotri, are a worried lot.Subhash Kumai, 43, one of the affected residents, told **TOI**, "Government should take immediate steps to ensure the wellbeing of residents." Devendra Patwal, disaster management officer of Uttarkashi district, said, "An expert team is expected to visit soon to assess the situation." TNN

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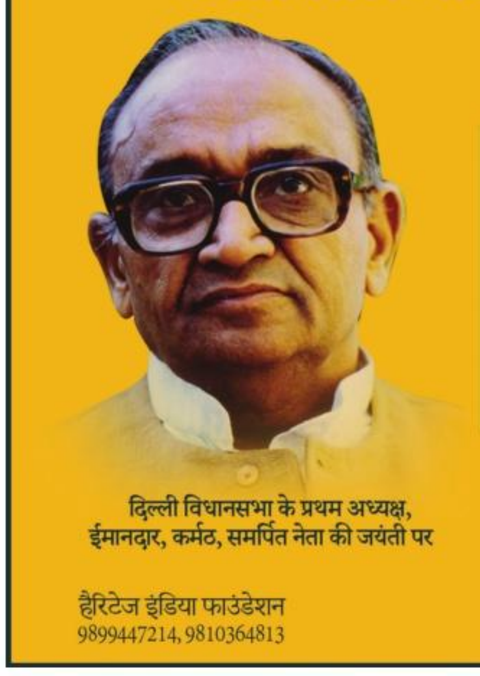

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Vaishnaw's 'stand up & take a vow'

At the end of a detailed presentation on major steps taken by govt to push inclusive growth and the agenda for 2047, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw appealed to industry leaders to join PM Modi's call to put three times more effort for the country's development. Amid cheers, the minister said, "Are you ready for that? Please stand up and give a strong response to this." The audience got up and responded to Vaishnaw's call.

Amarendra Jha

Olympian Manu Bhaker at the ET Forum in Delhi on Saturday

Notable faces in packed audience

Poet-songwriter Prasoon Joshi, industrialist and MP Naveen Jindal, Patanjali Ayurved MD Acharya Balkrishna, top JD(U) netas Sanjay Jha and K C Tyagi, TDP's Lok Sabha floor leader Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu and G20 sherpa Amitabh Kant were some of the prominent faces spotted in the jam-packed audience.

It's common sense to scrutinise Chinese investment: Jaishankar

'India's Special Problem With China Is Over And Above World's'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar on Saturday justified scrutiny of Chinese investment in India, saying it's "common sense" to do so because of the border issue and the state of relations between the two countries.

At the ET World Leaders Forum, the minister said even those countries which don't have a "special problem" with China do the same, underlining the security implications of Chinese investments.

Jaishankar said there's a thin line between economic and security issues, as he emphasised that while the world has a general China problem, "India has a special China problem that is over and above the world's China problem."

"Once you understand that because there is a general problem with China as well as our own situation, all of you know we have a very difficult situation at the border for the last four years. I think the sensible response to it is to take the precautions that a country like India is taking," the minister added, while stressing it has never been govt's position that it should not get investments from China.

On increasing trade deficit with China, Jaishankar said it is because decades ago "we consciously overlooked the nature of Chinese production and the advantages which they enjoyed in a system where they got a level playing field with all the advantages they brought".

"Europe doesn't have a border with China... America doesn't have a border with China... and yet they are doing that. The issue is not 'do you have investments with China or not', it is not a 'yes' or 'no' answer, it is what should be the appropriate level of scrutiny and how should you handle it," Jaishankar said.

Talking about India's relations with its immediate neighbours, the foreign minister said it's important for India and its neighbours to invest in each other as it would lead to a more resilient region. On relations with new govt in Bangladesh, he said he was "not in a hurry to call out the situation" and was prepared to wait a few months "for things to fructify".

He said India has created factors of stability in the neighbourhood like those that have kicked-in in Maldives, a country with which ties have improved despite scepticism. "Our neighbours know they got vaccines because of us. Also fertilisers. Had Sri Lanka waited for IMF... God alone knows what would have happened."

K Asif

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Centre to roll out scheme for electronics component sector

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt is set to roll out a new scheme for domestic manufacturing of components that go into electronic gadgets — from mobile phones to laptops and tablets — as it seeks to replicate the success of domestic mobile production and reduce import dependence.

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw expressed the govt's intent on Saturday amid a spike in component imports to meet requirements of higher production.

In what has become his trademark style, Vaishnaw, a former civil servant with a stint in the private sector, used a PowerPoint presentation to list changes brought about by the Modi govt in the past 10 years and targets it has set for 2047. He also urged industry leaders to put "three times more effort" to ensure India's economic growth remains in the range of 6-8% during the next decade.

"We are preparing a programme into which the component ecosystem can come in, the way the electronics and mobile manufacturing have come in," said the minister for railways, IT and information and broadcasting.

Govt is working on the plan to allocate up to Rs 40,000 crore for the proposed electronics component manufacturing scheme. It expects successful applicants to invest around Rs 82,000 crore, while the total value of components produced by these firms could be in the range of Rs 1.95-2 lakh crore during the duration of the scheme.

Highlighting the quantum jump in electronics manufacturing in India, he said it increased to $105 billion as of 2022-23 from $29 billion in 2013-14. The minister highlighted that 99% of all mobile phones used in the country are being manufactured domestically.

On the push for physical infrastructure, Vaishnaw said in the past three months, govt had approved rail, road, airport and port projects worth Rs 2 trillion in the third term of the Modi govt, signalling its focus to propel growth.

He said the laying of new railway lines doubled in the past 10 years — 31,000 km in 2014-24 compared to 15,000 km during the UPA — and 41,000 km rail network was electrified during 1947.

Mentioning the significance of "digital credit", Vaishnaw said it's gaining huge currency by creating a foolproof structure between lenders and customers to record digital payment history.

Amarendra Jha

Vaishnaw, a former civil servant with a stint in the pvt sector, urged industry leaders to ensure India's growth remains in 6-8% range over the next decade

More reforms can push growth to 8%: Roubini

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: More reforms could push the country's potential growth rate to 8% and India is poised to emerge as a major economic power in few years, a top economist said Saturday, asserting that critical policy changes need to be continued to achieve economic success.

"The good news about India is that potential growth under the current policies is at least 6%, may be 7%, and if additional economic reform can occur, that can lead potential growth to be 8%," Nouriel Roubini, professor emeritus at the Stern School of Business, New York University told ET World Leaders Forum.

He said for the last few decades China was growing much faster than India and in the next few decades it is going to be just the opposite.

"Of course, India has to catch up starting from a much lower level of per capita income. But for that economic success to continue the kind of economic reforms that have already been done needs to be continued and expanded," said Roubini, referred to as "Dr Doom" and is credited for predicting the 2008 financial crisis.

He detailed a number of reforms that need to be deepened, including those related to land and labour markets, bankruptcy, further financial inclusion, more investment in skills and human capital, reform of the bureaucracy and provision of public services.

"So I am quite optimistic India is going to become a major economic power and in next few years is already going to be the third largest economy and with economic power it will bring more political and geopolitical power and it is going to be one of the greater superpowers in the next few decades as well," added Roubini.

Ashwani Nagpal

Nouriel Roubini said land, labour and bureaucracy reforms are crucial

India to become largest software developer by 2027, AI fueling economic boom: GitHub CEO

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New Delhi: Microsoft-owned developer platform GitHub CEO Thomas Dohmke envisions AI breaking down language barriers and fostering a more inclusive coding environment, empowering non-English developers to make strides in contributing to the open-source coding community. Native developers are poised to make significant contributions to the world of programming.

"AI is a great leveller. It's going to make it easier to navigate an existing code base without being fluent in English, as you can leverage Copilot in Hindi or Kannada," he told **TOI** in an interaction on the sidelines of ET World Leaders Forum on Saturday.

"On the one hand, I see a rise in embracing Indian or non-English languages as an entry point into the world of coding. In many instances, you're not learning English and you're not going to read a lot of English documentation. But you're just going to ask the AI assistant in the language of your comfort." He also said that AI is going to democratise non-English developers to contribute to coding.

"AI enables developers in countries where they're not comfortable speaking in English. We see that often, for instance, in cultures like Japan, where there may be a lack of fluency. These developers want to contribute back, but they face language barriers. AI will democratise that collaboration model even more so than open source has already done," he said, adding that this democratisation will tap into a vast pool of untapped coding talent to drive technological progress on a global scale.

Dohmke grew up in Berlin in a suburb called Marzahn on East side of the Wall, before it fell. When he grew up, there wasn't much software back then, but today you can't imagine a world without software. The complexity of software systems has increased compared to early 90s. He proudly calls GitHub as the largest team sport on Earth.

"It's one of few things on this planet where we collaborate with each other without cultural boundaries," he said.

GitHub has onboarded an additional 2.2 million developers in India, bringing the total number of Indian developers to 15.4 million. The momentum is palpable, with the Indian developer base now having grown three-fold from 5.8 million in 2021.

The developer community in India on GitHub is projected to surpass that of the US, currently at 21 million, by 2027.

"It's an era of great convergence. India is going to become the largest nation of software developers in 2027 and with rise of AI and those two movements coming together, it will create a big economic opportunity for India."

A GitHub report showed that developers who used GitHub Copilot completed tasks significantly faster — 55% faster than developers who didn't use GitHub Copilot.

Tarun Rawat

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> **THOMAS DOHMKE** | GitHub CEO

'India on track to be a top-10 tourist spot'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India will be among the top 10 global destinations for tourism in the next five years and the contribution of the sector to India's economy will increase from 7.9% to over 10% in the near future, Union tourism and culture minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said on Saturday.

The tourism industry is looking for investments from private players for a greater push as part of the public private partnership (PPP) model, he said at the Forum.

The minister also made a special mention of Buddhist tourism, domestic tourism and public-private partnership models. "PPP models are being promoted to create new destinations and resources for tourism," he said.

India offers all that global tourists look for and post the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been a quantum jump of 48% in search for Indian destinations on the internet. "People want to see India and know India. I see domestic and international tourism skyrocketing in the coming years where domestic tourism will be the key... Among India's total inbound tourists, 65% come to only seven Indian states."

The minister said all states are interested in boosting their tourism sector and contributing to the country's economy and added that in the last decade, India has grown rapidly, especially with exponential growth in infrastructure.

He said that for centuries, India has attracted travellers from across the globe and with renewed efforts to showcase attractive tourist destinations, India will cross the global average. "Our culture will help us emerge as the most respectable nation of the world," he added.

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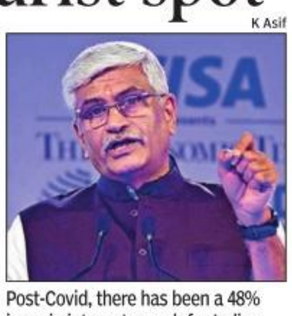

Post-Covid, there has been a 48% jump in internet search for Indian destinations, Shekhawat said

PM: Want India-made products at every dining table in world

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The PM took on the opposition over its taunts of a diminished NDA majority in Parliament, saying voters, especially women and youth, have voted for continuity in a year when several countries around the world that went to elections have voted for change.

Describing India as the biggest land of opportunity, he told the audience comprising Indian and global CEOs that the country respects wealth creators, a statement meant to comfort businesses.

The Prime Minister identified four pillars for building the foundations of a developed country or Viksit Bharat. He highlighted the push towards skilling and education, focus on making India a global food basket, thrust on green energy, and the drive to turn India into a major tourist destination along with development of technology. "To have at least one Made-in-India food product on every dining table around the world — this is our resolve."

India has been a major driver of global growth, he said, pointing out that its economy has expanded 90% during the last decade, compared with a 35% increase in the size of the global economy. "Today, India's progress is making global headlines... India has often outperformed both predictions and its peers."

During the last decade, 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty, creating a new middle class, he said. "They want to give a golden future to their children, their aspirations are building new infrastructure, their creativity is paving the path for innovation, their needs are giving direction to the market, their income growth is boosting the market. The new middle class is proving to be the biggest power."

Modi listed a raft of measures taken during the last three months — from infrastructure projects to affordable housing meant for the poor, and new varieties of seeds for farmers and empowering women through Lakhpati Didi scheme.

"For us infrastructure is not just about an increase in height, length and width, this is a medium for ease of living," he said, adding that the govt is making every effort to turn India into a manufacturing hub and there's unprecedented support for MSMEs.

Earlier, Satyan Gajwani, vice chairman of Times Internet and board director of The Times of India, said the world is recognising that the centre of gravity of the world is shifting and India is "the most exciting and compelling topic".

"I see young Indians everywhere, excited and passionate about building in India. I see tech entrepreneurs keen to build useful products for a billion Indians, instead of producing another photo sharing app or getting people to click on more ads. I see global companies recognising India as a key priority market, recalibrating their strategies to be successful. I see companies keen to tap India's booming stock markets instead of listing their companies overseas," he said.

"All of this is a testament to four things – talent, infrastructure, community and knowledge – or what I like to call the TICK that India offers. And today, India ticks all the boxes."

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PM Modi with Satyan Gajwani, vice chairman, TIL and board director, **TOI**

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> **NARENDRA MODI** | Prime Minister

Q1 bump tied to polls, confident GDP growth will hit 7.2%: RBI guv

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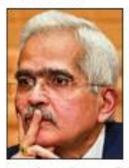
Bhubaneswar: RBI governor **Shaktikanta Das** expressed confidence Saturday that GDP growth rate would meet the central bank's projected 7.2% in the current financial year, driven by a monsoon-induced farm fillip and an uptick in govt spending that had been dampened by election-related causes in the first quarter.



Das attributed the slower growth of 6.7% in first quarter to lower govt expenditure during the April-June polls. "RBI's projection of growth rate for the first quarter of the current fiscal was 7.1%. However, as per National Statistical Office, the growth is at 6.7%. But if we see components of GDP or the main driver of GDP growth, whether it's investment or consumption or supply side like manufacturing or construction, I think, in all sectors growth is 7% in first quarter," the RBI governor said.

Speaking on sidelines of National CA Conference-2024 organised by ICAI, Das explained factors behind dip in govt spending. "Govt expenditure of both central and state govts was lower in first quarter, perhaps due to polls and MCC. Going forward, we would expect govt expenditure to grow and provide support to (GDP) growth," said Das, who is on a visit to his home state Odisha.

Propelled by a good monsoon, Das hoped the growth would touch RBI's projected 7.2%. "Agriculture grew at 2% and from July onwards, the monsoon has been good so far," he added. The RBI chief also spoke about the fast-growing UPI system, noting its adoption even by other countries.

PM: Vande trains new face of rlys, symbol of aspiration and dreams

Flags Off Three More Such Trains, Takes Operational Tally To 102

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Vande Bharat trains are the new face of railways and a symbol of "aspiration and dreams", PM Narendra Modi said while flagging off three such semi-high speed trains on Saturday. He also announced that the sleeper and Metro versions of Vande Bharat will be launched soon.

Later in the day attending an ET event, Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the trial run of Vande sleeper will start in the next one week.

While flagging off the three trains that will run in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and UP, PM said, "Nation is inching towards goal of Viksit Bharat with modernisation and expansion of Vande Bharat trains in country." He added that NCR is becoming an example of PM Gatishakti's vision to change the country's infrastructure with modern trains, network of expressways and expansion of air services.

The three new addition of Vande Bharats to the existing fleet will improve connectivity on 3 routes — Meerut-Lucknow, Madurai-Bengaluru and Chennai-Nagercoil. Referring to the three trains PM said these will provide connectivity to important cities as well as historic towns in the country.

Underlining the need for rapid development of southern states to accomplish the goal of developed India, Modi said, "Southern India is the land of immense talent, resources & opportunities."

The PM said more than Rs 6,000 crore has been allocated for Tamil Nadu's rail budget this year, seven times more than in 2014 amid complaints of chief minister M K Stalin of Centre neglecting railways in the state. Modi said total number of Vande Bharat trains in Tamil Nadu would go up to eight after the new launch.

Similarly, a budget of over Rs 7,000 crore has been allocated for Karnataka in this year's budget which is nine times more than in 2014. A total of eight Vande Bharat trains are connecting Karnataka today, he said.

Highlighting demand for Vande Bharat in every route, he said the advent of semi high-speed trains has instilled confidence in the people to expand their business and employment and also their dreams. He said, "Today, 102 Vande Bharat train services are operational across country and more than 3 crore people have travelled in these trains so far".

He said these numbers are not only proof of the success of Vande Bharat trains but also a symbol of the aspirations and dreams of India.

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People click photographs of Meerut-Lucknow Vande Bharat Express upon its arrival in Moradabad Saturday. PM had virtually flagged off the train

Date-change to honour Bishnoi tradition: EC

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As per original schedule announced on Aug 16, polling in Haryana was to be held on Oct 1 along with the last round of voting in J&K, followed by counting for both the states on Oct 4. J&K will still wind up polling as scheduled on Oct 1, but shall have to wait longer, till Oct 8, for the results.

The decision "was taken to honour tradition of Bishnoi community of visiting their native Mukam (Rajasthan) during 'amavas' in month of 'Asoj' for their annual festival in Bikaner, in memory of Guru Jambheshwar," an EC official told **TOI**.

"This year, the festival falls on Oct 2 and thousands of Bishnoi families residing in Sirsa, Fatehabad and Hisar would be travelling to Rajasthan from Oct 1 (the original poll day in Haryana). Unless the polling was rescheduled, they would be denied their voting rights," the functionary added.

The revised polling day, EC sources told **TOI**, would also resolve any concerns regarding a large number of Haryana's voters choosing to travel out for a six-day holiday by taking a one-day leave on Sept 30, an eventuality that could adversely impact voter turnout.

The poll panel had sought a report from Haryana CEO soon after the change in election date was sought. The report was received on Saturday in which he cited his consultation with the DCs of Hisar, Sirsa, and Fatehabad.

During Punjab assembly polls in 2022, it postponed the polls by a week to accommodate devotees travelling to Varanasi for Guru Ravidas Jayanti. In Manipur during 2022 state polls, polling dates were changed to respect Christian community's Sunday prayers. In the 2023 Rajasthan assembly elections, it rescheduled polling originally fixed on Devuthani Ekadashi, a day significant for mass weddings in Rajasthan. In Uttar Pradesh in 2012, the election date was changed due to Barawafat.

"EC has consistently upheld the belief that 'every vote matters' and strives to create an ecosystem that encourages active participation of all stakeholders," a senior EC official told **TOI**.

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2 more quit BJP over J&K poll picks: BJP's Samba district chief and its Jammu youth wing chief resigned from the party on Saturday, alleging wrong selection and omission of candidates for J&K polls. Protesting the selection of former NC minister Surjit Singh Salathia, BJP Samba chief Kashmira Singh said the party seemed to have adopted Sheikh Abdullah's ideology. TNN

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प्राचार्य

Large arms cache unearthed in Assam: Security forces recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition buried in a forest in Tinsukia district, Assam, Saturday. Police said the items likely belong to a proscribed outfit. TNN

Need Pak talks to 'settle' J&K issue: NC MP

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) MP Aga Ruhullah Mehdi reaffirmed Saturday his party's call for resumption of dialogue and diplomatic ties with Pakistan to resolve what he called the "unsettled issue" of Kashmir, reports **Saleem Pandit**.

"People of Jammu & Kashmir believe that settling the situation here permanently needs a proper dialogue between Pakistan and India," he said.

However, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said earlier in the week that "the era of uninterrupted dialogue is over" and cautioned Pakistan about the repercussions it would face if it continued to support terrorist attacks against India. J&K's first assembly polls in a decade are being held amid a rise in Pakistan-backed terrorism.

In its manifesto for the J&K assembly elections, former CM Mehbooba Mufti's PDP has also pledged to advocate for "diplomatic initiatives between India and Pakistan", as well as the establishment of "trade and social exchange".

The MP, representing Srinagar-Budgam, also highlighted his party's stand on restoring statehood for J&K, which was lost after the revocation of Article 370 in 2019 and the region's bifurcation into two Union territories, including Ladakh. PDP has a similar position. "PDP can't run away after making such a statement. But it doesn't have a roadmap. In contrast, NC has a proper roadmap and it wants the proper restoration of autonomy here," Mehdi said.

He also criticised NDA govt as being anti-minority and urged Congress MP Rahul Gandhi to "stand up for Muslims" to preserve India's diversity.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through on-line only (e-Tendering) for the following work:

Tender No. : AGCTRDT202413	**Approximate Cost** : Rs. 6709360/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 134200/-	**Period of completion** : Twelve months

Name of work : Replacement of Large Span wire by conventional OHE over Agra Division.

1. For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Tender can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to **15:30 Hrs.** on date **17.09.2024.** **1536/24 (AS)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

N.I.T. No.	**10-A, C, D, E, F, G, I & J - 2024-25-WV**
Name of work with its location	**A.** Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings in GGN-RE section (excl. RE) and Rewari Loco Heritage shed in the section of SSE/W/GGN under ADEN/DEE for period of 2024-25. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	C. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of station building & Service Buildings at HNZM & DSJ station in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM for period of 2024-25. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	D. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings in the section of SSE/W/TKD under ADEN/HNZM for period of 2024-25. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	E. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Station building & Service Buildings at DEE & DEC station in the section of SSE/W/DEE under ADEN/DEE for period of 2024-25. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	F. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings in the section of SSE/W/DEE under ADEN/DEE for period of 2024-25. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	G. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings and Supply of Building material for day to day maintenance in the section of SSE/W/E/TKD under ADEN/TKD for period ending 30.06.2025. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	I. Development of Goods shed at Palwal Railway station in the section of SSE/W/FDB under ADEN/TKD. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
	J. Development of Goods shed at ICDB/BVH at Ballabhgarh Railway Station in the section of SSE/W/FDB under ADEN/TKD. **Similar nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.
Approx. Cost of work:	**A.** ₹59,99,599.63 **C.** ₹59,99,460.10 **D.** ₹59,99,701.35 **E.** ₹59,99,881.91 **F.** ₹58,68,595.88 **G.** ₹99,99,977.31 **I.** ₹4,94,73,102.17 **J.** ₹9,05,40,849.36
Earnest Money deposited	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016 **A.** ₹1,20,000.00 **C.** ₹1,20,000.00 **D.** ₹1,20,000.00 **E.** ₹1,20,000.00 **F.** ₹1,17,400.00 **G.** ₹2,00,000.00 **I.** ₹3,97,400.00 **J.** ₹6,02,700.00
Completion period of work	**For: A., C., D., E., F., & G:** 09 Months **For: I & J:** 06 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 24.09.2024 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 24.09.2024
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

No.: 128-W/280/OET/2024-25/W-V/NIT-10- A, C, D, E, F, G, I & J
Dated: 30.08.2024 **2701/2024**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	**234278**
Name of Work and its location	Tender for "Repair of Wheel set Earthing equipment of LHB bogies at RCNK/SNP."
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 3398996.25/- including GST (Rs. Thirty Three Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six and paise Twenty Five only)
Earnest Money	Rs. 68000.00/-
Completion period of work	12 months of date of execution of work
Cost of Tender document on cash/by post	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 18.09.2024 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

No: 234278 Dated : 27.08.2024 **2722/2024**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE(T&P)/SEE2/EET12N/KCO173/2024-25/3358-61 **Date: 31.08.2024**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on Karnataka Public Procurement portal against the Enquiry No. for the following work.

Enquiry No. / Name of the Work
KPTCL/2024-25/IND0099
for **Design, manufacture, testing and supply of 4552 nos. of 11kV class, 400Amps, Double break, 25kA GOS with C-type wedge connector 2 hole paddle type conforming to KPTCL specification.**

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding subject enquiry in the KPP Portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.09.2024 at 15:00hrs.** and the last date & time for receipt of bids in KPP Portal is **04.10.2024 at 15:00hrs.** Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.

Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours. All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electricity, Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, III Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru – 560 009. Tel : 080 22274744.**

Rahul to be in US from Sept 8-10, engage with diaspora, technocrats

New Delhi: Congress leader **Rahul Gandhi** will be in the US during Sept 8-10, during which he will hold interactions with the diaspora, technocrats, students and media, including an event at the University of Texas.

Indian Overseas Congress chairman Sam Pitroda said since Rahul became the leader of opposition, IOC has been deluged by requests from the Indian diaspora, diplomats, academicians, businesspersons, leaders, international media and others for interactions with the Congress functionary.

Pitroda said Rahul will be in Dallas on Sept 8 and in Washington DC on Sept 9 and 10. In Dallas, he will meet University of Texas students, academic institutions, and people of the community. There will also be a large community gathering. In DC, he will have similar interactions. TNN

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Nihar @ Nihal, S/o Kalia, R/o Unknown found on 17.08.2024 at Raj Pur Road, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 38A, dated 17.08.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Civil Lines, Delhi. Identification of found boy is as under:

Name: Nihar @ Nihal, Age: 06 Years, Height: 3', Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Green Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Nikkar and Slipper in Feet.

If anyone have any information or clue about this found boy may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi
DP/11566/N/2024 **Ph.: 011-23810683, 8750870127**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 50 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Cocacola colour pant and Green colour Tshirt and Adidas fly emirates written on it, found dead at in front of Dwarkadheesh Apartment, Sec-26, Rohini, Delhi at 1a.m. on 30.08.2024 under area of **P.S. KNK Marg** , Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 10A, dated 30.08.2024** has been lodged at **P.S.KNK Marg** , Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S.- KNK Marg , Delhi
DP/11600/RD/2024(UIDB) **Ph.: 011-27571162, 8750870327**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

SOHAIL

General Public is hereby informed that one Person **Namely: Sohail, S/o:** Md. Naseem, **R/o:** Gali No. 82, Swatantar Nagar, Gonda Road, Narela, Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Blue colour T-shirt, Jeans and Slipper in his feet has been missing from at home, Delhi since 27.08.2024. In this regard **GD No. 62A, Dated: 27.08.2024,** has been registered at **P.S.: Narela, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person, please inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/11553/ON/2024

SHO
P.S: Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27282350, 9315759395

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown **Age:** approx. 40 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Red coloured T-shirt and Black coloured lower, was found dead on 27.08.2024 at 05:14 PM from A Block Near CRA Construction site Sec-32, Rohini. In this regard a **DD No.75A, dated 27.08.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Begumpur, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27579030-31
DP/11515/RD/2024 Mob.: 9311439793, 8882844808

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Daya Ram

General public is hereby informed that one male Namely **Daya Ram S/o Jagpat Ram** R/o H.No. 209-210 IInd floor Block-B Sec-5 Rohini Delhi. has been missing /kidnapped from his house since:19.07.2024 his mently disturbed In this regard, a case **FIR/DD No. 49A dt.21.07.2024, has been registered at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.** The description of the missing male is as under.

Age: 70 years, **Height:** 5'10", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** White color Shirt and Brown color Pant and grey color shoes. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform **P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **Sd/-S.H.O.**
Fax No. 011- 24368639 **Budh Vihar, Delhi**
DP/11453/RD/2024 **Tel No. 8459332193**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

RAJEETA KINDO

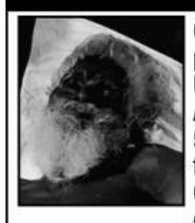
General Public is hereby informed that one woman **Namely:** Rajeeta Kindo, **W/o:** Sh. Umesh Kumar, **R/o:** H. No. F-90, Nanak Chand Ka Makan, Khanpur Village, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 40 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Suit and Black Colour Shoes in Feet has been missing since 07.06.2024 from her residence. In this regard **DD No. 51A, Dated: 26.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Neb Sarai, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing woman but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing woman. Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/11449/SD/2024

SHO
P.S.: Neb Sarai, Delhi
Ph.: 7065569305, 8750870835

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 75 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Dark, **Wearing:** Naked, found dead Near M-Block Outer Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi at 10: 46 p.m. on 29.08.2024 under area of **P.S. Connaught Place , New Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD No. 02A, dated 30.08.2024** has been lodged at **P.S.Connaught Place , New Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Dead Body has been preserved in Mortuary of LHMC Hospital, New Delhi for 72 Hours if any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S.- Connaught Place , New Delhi.
DP/11568/NDD/2024(UIDB) **Ph.: 011-23747100, 8750870525**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, was found on 29.08.2024, 10.30 AM at Near Metro Pillar No. 372, Shiv Mandir, Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard **DD No.: 48A, Dated 29.08.2024, U/s 194 BNSS** has been lodged at **Police Station Nangloi, Outer-Distt., Delhi-110041.**

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male**, Age:** About 28 years, **Height :** 5'7", **Built:** Normal, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Only Light Brown Colour Underwear.

If any one having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly be informed undersigned. **SHO**

Police Station Nangloi,
Outer Distt.,Delhi-110041
E-mail: ciccbi@cbi.nic.in **Ph.: 9757219857**
DP/11612/OD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Muskan

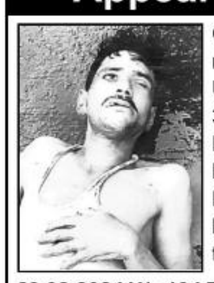
General public is hereby informed that a Girl namely **Muskan D/o** Dilip Shah **R/o:** C-588 Biraj Vihar, Ghaziabad, **UP** has been missing/ kidnapped from Mangal Panday School Vivek Vihar, Delhi Since 27.08.2024 In this regard, a **FIR No. 471/2024, U/s: 137(2) BNS Dt. 28.08.2024 at 13:04 PM** has been registered at **P.S.: Vivek Vihar, Delhi.**

The description of the missing Girl as under.

Age: 16 years, **Height:** 5'0" **Face:** Long, **Build:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallows, **Wearing**: Red & White Check Suit, White Salwar & Black Colour Shoes in the feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Girl may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **S.H.O**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **PS: Vivek Vihar, Delhi**
DP/11575/SHD/2024 **Ph No. 9311787921, 9711869884**

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: Approx. 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'5" **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** White Baniyan Blue Pajama was found lying dead at near Hanuman Mandir Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 29.08.2024. In this regard, a **DD No. 26-A Dt. 29.08.2024 U/s 194 BNSS** has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary Subzi Mandi for Identification for 72 hrs.

The Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DP/11586/N/2024 **Ph. : 011-23968730, 8750870123**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

AASTHA

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **AASTHA, D/o** Raju Singh, **R/o** Shree Shyam General Store, Sector-5, Harola, Noida (U.P.), **Age**-16 Years, has been reported missing since 20.08.24 at 10.00 AM from Rajkiya Govt. Senior Secondary School, B-Block, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi, vide **DD No. 365/24 Dated 28.08.2024** registered at **Police Station New Ashok Nagar, East Distt., Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'3" **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Clothing:** Of no description.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl, please inform to the following.

SHO,
Police Station New Ashok Nagar
Website: https://cbi.nic.in **East Distt., Delhi**
DP/11580/ED/2024 **Ph.: 7505527913**

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

RAJESH

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name**: Rajesh S/o Pabbar Bind R/o Mojipur, Angli,Jaunpur, Shahganj, U.P. **Age :** 26 years, **Height :** 5'10", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Identification Mark:** Old injury mark on right side of forehead, **Wearing:** Black, white & red colour striped T-shirt, with Red colour lower and barefoot is missing from Gate No. 5, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi since 25.08.2024. In this regard a DD No. 49A dated 30.08.2024 has been lodged at P.S. North Avenue, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform the following.

SHO : P.S. North Avenue Delhi,
Ph. : 011-23093040,
011-23093294, 9140021811

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

DP/11603/NDD/2024

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION KOTA ,DISTT.-BILASPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal:- https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 19-09-2024 at 17:30 Hour

System Tender No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (In Lakhs)	Tender Call
158105	03/SAC/ 2024-25 Dtd. 29-08-2024	CONSTRUCTION OF GUNSARI ANICUT SCHEME.	284.76	First Call
158106	04/SAC/ 2024-25 Dtd. 29-08-2024	R.B.C REPAIR & RENOVATION OF GHONGHA MEDIUM SCHEME.	606.27	First Call

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procuremcnt Portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 05-09-2024 at 17:31 Hours.(IST) onwaras.**
NOTE :- All eligible/intrestcd contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process. Other terms and condition of this tender visit WRD website **https://eproc.cgsta te.gov.in)** under Live Tender available.

Sd/-
EXCUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION KOTA
DISTT.- BILASPUR(C.G.)

G-242502127/7

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, परियोजना क्षेत्र, उदयपुर

ई-मेल- acepudai@gmail.com. acepudai.phed@rajasthan.gov.in

क्रमांक - अ.मु.अ./परि./उदय/अंकै/2024-25/2505-2510 दिनांक : 27/8/24

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 05 वर्ष 2024-25 में संशोधन क्रमांक 01

NIT No.	Brief Description of works	Corrigendum Description
05/ 2024-25	Work of Drinking Water Supply Project for 524 Villages of Pratapgarh Arnod Peepalkhoont Blocks including their 292 other habitations of District Pratapgarh from Jakham Dam under JJM Package- I including 10 year O&M After 1 year DLP.	Corrigendum No. 01

UBN NO. PHE2425WLOB03232 (R.O. No.6641)

उपरोक्त कार्यों की ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 05 वर्ष 2024-25 के क्रम में वर्णित शर्तों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निविदाओं में दिनांको में संशोधन किया गया है। बिड से सम्बधित समस्त जानकारी एवं विस्तृत संशोधन प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

Sd/-
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता
जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, परियोजना क्षेत्र उदयपुर

DIPR/C/7906/2024

Government of Rajasthan
Commissionerate of Horticulture
Pant Krishi Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur-302005

Email: jdh.ext.hort@rajasthan.gov.in
Phone No. 0141 -2227606, 9414213718, 9414257584
No.: F 5(12) CH/ PDMC-MI/ Auto-Fert-Bid/ 2024-25/16 Date: 22.08.2024

Notice Inviting Bid

The Commissioner, Horticulture, Commissionerate of Horticulture invites e-bids from eligible bidders for **Rate contract for implementation of automation & fertigation programme on farmers field in the state of Rajasthan. Estimated cost for the procurement is rupees 2028.99 lakh only.** Detailed bid document, can be downloaded from the State E-Procurement portal www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or from the state procurement portal www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or from department website www.agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in from 22-08-2024 at 6.00 PM and the bids can be submitted online up to 12-09-2024 by 2.30 PM.

Sd/-
Commissioner Horticulture

DIPR/C/7894/2024

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण
टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल (म.प्र.)

ई-निविदा सूचना

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CIN: L74899DL1999GOI101707

Open E-Tender for Supply, Installation and commissioning of Semi-Automatic Shrink Packaging Machine at Rail Neer Plant, Nangloi (Delhi). **Last Date of Submission: 09.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs.**

For details visit **www.irctc.com, www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC & eprocure.gov.in/cppp.** Document downloading and participation can only be done on **www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC.**

In case of any corrigendum/addendumissued on the above advertisement, it will be published only on **www.irctc.com, www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC & eprocure.gov.in/cppp.**

Rail Neer Plant, Northan Railways Wireless Station Area, Opposite nangloi Bus Depot, Nangloi-110041, Tel: No. 011-65152575, 25949774, Fax: No. 011-25949773

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
NAVRATNA COMPANY
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Website : www.ircon.org, CIN - L45203DL1976GOI008171

e-Procurement Notice

e-Tender No.: IRCON/2074/KATNI-GS/Tender/Pway-fittings Date : 28.08.2024

e-Tender for and on behalf of **West Central Railway** is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of **"Supply & Transportation at site, B.G. track fittings and complete set of turnouts & SEJs, as per RDSO drawing for B.G. line track linking work in connection to the UP & DN Katni Grade Separator Project."**

Estimated Cost of Work	₹ 8,92,98,941/-
Last Date and Time of Bid Submission	19.09.2024 at 03:00 PM

For further details, visit website : **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.** Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

GM/PH/KGS/IRCON

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
P.O.-Gulzarbagh, Gaighat, Patna-800007, Tel.: 0612-2310026
Website: http://iwai.nic.in, E-mail: iwaiptn@rediffmail.com, dirgat@iwai.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender no.: IWAI/PTN/17(109)/HY. Vessel/VNS/2024-25

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), Gaighat, Gulzarbagh invites online bids/ tenders from reputed and experienced contractors for the "work of installation of Fire Fighting/ Sprinkler System for setting up of Hydrogen Filling Station at MMT Varanasi."

1.	Date for start downloading and submission of the tender documents	30.08.8.2024
2.	Last Date & time for submission of Online Bids/tender	05.09.2024 at 1500 hrs.
3.	Date & time for online opening of Tender	06.09.2024 at 1530 hrs.

The tender document can be downloaded at : **http://iwai.nic.in** and **http://eprocure.gov.in/** eprocure/app but online submission will be through **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Sd/-
(Chief Engineer)

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Dhanbad, dt. 30.08.2024

E-Tenders is invited for execution of the following work by Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), E.C.Railway, Dhanbad :-

Tender No. : C-710-MHDA-GCT-24

Sl. No. : 1. **Name of the work with its location & completion period :** Development of Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Mahdeiya (MHDA) Station Partially on Railway land and partially on non- Railway land for the period of thirty five years (35 years) i.e. 420 months. **Sl. No. :** 2. **Approx. cost of development of Gati Shakti Multi - Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) at Mahdeiya. :** ₹ 29,70,98,760/- **Sl. No. :** 3. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,97,09,900/- **Sl. No. :** 4. **Date & time for closing and opening of tender:** Date of closing of e-tender at 15.00 hours on 20.09.2024., Date of opening of e-tender after 15.30 hrs. on 20.09.2024. **Sl. No. :** 5. **Website particulars : https:// www.ireps.gov.in** No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering. Railway Administration reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

ACM/DHN

PR/01020/DHN/COML/T/24-25/36

UTTARAKHAND RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY(UREDA)
Energy Park Campus, Industrial Area, Patel Nagar, Dehradun
Ph.0135-2521387, Website:ureda.uk.gov.in, E-mail: cpo.uredahq@gmail.com, adbpv.uredahq@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No: 1(R1)/UREDA/Grid-Connected SPP-GB /2024-25, Dated: 31.08.2024

1	Name of Work	Empanelment of the EPC Contractors for design, manufacture, supply, erection, testing, net metering and commissioning including warrantee & AMC for 5 years of capacity 1KWp to 1000 KWp Grid connected Rooftop and small Solar Power Plant at various locations in the State of Uttarakhand.
2	Date and Time of availability of bid document on the Portal	31/08/2024 from16:30 Hrs.
3	Last date and time for receipt of bid in the portal	09/09/2024 till 17:00 Hrs.
4	Last date of submission of the cost of document (in the form of demand draft) in favour of Director UREDA, Dehradun	10/09/2024 till 17:00 Hrs.
5	Date of Opening of Tender	11/09/2024 from 11:00 Hrs.
6	Estimated Cost of Works and tentative cumulative capacity	₹100 Cr and 16000 KWp

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. shall be available on this website.

DIRECTOR, UREDA

Save Energy in Personal and National Interest

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical) Southern Railway, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695014 for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the under mentioned work. For other details, the tenderers are advised to refer the detailed tender on the below mentioned web-site.

Sl.No.	Details	Description
1	Tender Notice No. & Date	**GEM/2024/B/5315526 dated 23.08.2024**
2	Name of work	Integrated Housekeeping System at Coaching Depot Alleppey (ALLP) for a period of 2 years.
3	Advertised value	₹1,59,53,544.92
4	EMD	₹2,29,770/-
5	Tender closing date & time	13.09.2024, 19.00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars	**http://www.gem.gov.in**

The firms registered in GeM portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. For details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

For details of scope of work, approximate value of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details, please visit website at **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical)
Thiruvananthapuram-14

भा.कृ.अनु.प.- केन्द्रीय शुष्क क्षेत्र अनुसंधान संस्थान
ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute
जोधपुर (राजस्थान) 342 003/ Jodhpur (Rajasthan) 342 003
Website: www.cazri.res.in, Email: director@cazri.res.in
Phone No. 0291 - 2787152

F. No. 4(1)2024-25/Admn.IV/ **Dated: 30.08.2024**

Notice Inviting Tender through E-Procurement

Online bids are invited in two bid system (Technical bid & financial bid) from interested manufacturers/dealers/firm of repute for procurement of Equipment. The tender document containing tender form and terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website http://eprocure.gov.in and www.cazri.res.in from 5.00 hours of 30.08.2024. Online bids complete in all respect should be submitted through CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in /eprocure/app only by or before the last date and time 10.09.2024 upto 02.30 p.m.

Tender Reference No. : 4(1)2024-2025/Admn.IV,
Tender ID : 2024_DARE_823752_1
Name of Items : High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) System at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur
Bid Security : Rs. 4,00,000/-

For further details/ information please refer website CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and Institute website www.cazri.res.in.

Asstt. Administrative Officer(s)
for Director

BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, PANCHAYAT SAMITI, JHOTHRI DIST. DUNGARPUR (RAJ)

Ltter No.:- 1083 **Date:- 13.08.2024**

E- TENDER NOTICE NO- 01/2024-25

E-Tender Notice are invited for Construetion of Hand pump by Panchayat Samiti Jhothri for such UBN No., Details about Tender Specification, Cost EMD tender Inviting and receiving date etc, available at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.

NIB No- ZDU2425A0109
UBN No- ZDU2425WSOB00331

PRADHAN **BDO**
P.S. JHOTHRI **P.S. JHOTHRI**

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कार्पोरेशन लि0 कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चम्पावत ई-निविदा सूचना

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत से आमंत्रित ई0 निविदा संख्या 23/2024-25/वि0वि0म0(च0) एवं 24/2024-25/वि0वि0म0(च0) में अन्तिम तिथि तक प्रतिभाग प्राप्त न होने के कारण निविदा बिड जमा एवं निविदा खोलने की तिथि विस्तारित कर दिनांक 06.09.2024 की जाती है। निविदा के अन्य नियम व शर्तें पूर्ववत रहेंगी। निविदा की मदें एवं शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वैब साईट **www.uktenders.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चम्पावत** ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'' RO-1168 dt. 30.8.2024

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPOORTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos/Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1	17241197 25.09.2024	Collapsible Door (Double Panel)	224 Nos	1,00,440/-
2	17241383 20.09.2024	Supply of One rake set of seats for Trainset-18	14 Sets	50,00,000/-
		Set of Spares itmes of seats per rake of Vande Bharat Coaches (20 car formation)	16 Sets	
3	17241435A 25.09.2024	Set of Seat and Berth for L.H.B SCN Amrit Bharat Coaches.	220 Sets	20,00,000/-
		Set of Seats for L.H.B GS Amrit Bharat Coaches.	302 Sets.	
		Set of Seats and Berths for L.H.B SLR HOG Coaches.	65 Sets.	
4	13245259A 20.09.2024	SKIN TENSIONING EQUIPMENT as per Spec No. Mech/M/ Umbrella Project/Skin Tensioning Equipment, Rev-01	PL No/ Item Code 6415057	01 Nos 3,60,000/-
5	14241142 16.09.2024	Thermal Insulation for Underframe of Railway Coaches 25x935x1000 MM	65969 SQM	10,85,380/-
		Thermal Insulation for Sidewall of Railway Coaches size 50x935x1000MM	16019 SQM	
6	12231403B 30.09.2024	Lavatory Window with fixed Louvers and sealed glass unit for LHB AC 3TIER Coach.	120 Nos.	1,02,930/-
		Emergency openable window for LHB AC 3 TIER Coach.	120 Nos.	
		Fixed Window for LHB AC 3TIER Coaches.	420 Nos.	
7	13245181A 23.09.2024	CNC MILLING MACHINE as per Spec No. Mech/ M&P/3700/5 Rev-Nil	PL No/Item Code N6357089	01 Nos 5,41,720/-
8	12241345 08.10.2024	HONEYCOMB Partition Frame Set for AC 3 TIER (EOG) Coach	192 Sets	7,81,630/-
9	12241325 09.10.2024	Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (Without Flushing Arrangement)	92 Nos	1,37,870/-
10	17241357 23.09.2024	Automatic Fire/ Smoke Detection System for Standalone Amrit Bharat Coaches. **Pre-Bid Conference date - 13.09.2024**	587 Sets	20,00,000/-
11	13245232 23.09.2024	Cylindrical Axle Grinding Machine as per Spec no. Mech/M&P/3700 /01 Revision-Nil **Pre-Bid Conference date 06.09.2024**	PL No/Item Code 652803370019	01 Nos. 16,24,000/-
12	01241305 24.09.2024	Lower Spring Seat	4748 Nos.	2,52,120/-
13	01241289 01.10.2024	Bogie Frame Arrangement for 1600 HP AC-AC DMU/DPC Coaches	99 Nos.	20,00,000/-
		Bogie Frame Arrangement for EMU Trailer Coaches with 180/150 KN Air Spring.	301 Nos.	
14	04241075 03.10.2024	Aluminium Pipe	61530 Mtr	6,82,920/-
15	05241734 27.09.2024	Set of Brackets for Fixing Chair Angle	318 Sets.	65,160/-
16	05241539A 26.09.2024	Set of Carline	111 Sets.	2,09,360/-
17	13245236A 26.09.2024	High Speed TIG Welding Sets 400A as per specification no. Mech/M&P/Umbrella/Project/438/13 Rev-Nil.	PL No/Item Code 659027890013	02 Nos. 1,00,000/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawing/ specification, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in.**
2. Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS** on due date and tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS.** Tenders **Sr. No. 1 to 17** will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala (Punjab).
3. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM: The following amendments are authorized against **(1) Tender No.** 17241319 for **Due date may be read as** 15.10.2024 **instead of** 09.09.2024.Pre-Bid Conference Date & Time. **Due date may be read as** 30.09.2024 at 15:00 PM **instead of** 27.08.2024 at 15:00 PM. **(2) Tender No.:** 14241072A Date 04.09.2024 **Remarks** Eligibility criteria has been updated. **(3)Tender No.:** 17241347 **Due date may be read as** 06.09.2024 **instead of** 27.08.2024. **(4)Tender No.:** 12241316 for **a).** Supply of One Coach Set of ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION/ MOULDING FOR LHB SCN AMRIT BHARAT COACHES, as per Drawing: MPLAELSCNABX VERSION 2. **b).** SUPPLY OF ONE COACH SET OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSIONS/ MOULDINGS FOR LHB SLR AMRIT BHARAT COACHES., as per Drawing: MPLAELSLRABX VERSION 1. **c).** SUPPLY OF ONE COACH SET OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSIONS/ MOULDINGS FOR LHB GS AMRIT BHARAT COACHES, as per Drawing: MPLAELSDDABX VERSION 5 **Due date may be read as** 09.09.2024 **instead of** 02.09.2024. **(5) Tender No.** 14241126 **Due date may be read as** 17.09.2024 **instead of** 30.08.2024.

PCMM

R.O. No. 62-S/2024-25 **Dated: 31.08.2024**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत्त जालोर

क्रमांक : अअ / वृत्त/ जा / 2024-25 / 1011-1027 दिनांक : 27.08.2024

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 01 वर्ष 2024-25
NIB No. PWD242A1276

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत सडक कार्य** हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार,/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग /डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग /रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 03 कार्य जिनकी लागत राशि रू. 84200 लाख है, अत: उक्त कार्यों के लिए ईटेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	:	02 सितम्बर 2024, प्रात: 10.00 बजे से 23 सितम्बर 2024, सायं 6:00 बजे तक

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट https://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट पर https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

NIB No.PWD2425A1276

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1.	PWD2425WSOB04616
2.	PWD2425WSOB04617
3.	PWD2425WSOB04618

Sd/-
चतुर्भुज खुडीवाल, अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि. वृत्त, जालोर
मोबाईल 9414587359

DIPR/C/7931/2024

UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135- 2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 773 **Tender Notice** **Dated :30/08/2024**

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), UJVN Ltd., Srikot, Srinagar (Garhwal), invites sealed tenders from interested parties for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Net Metering Work of Grid Connected roof top Solar Power Plants at following locations-

Brief summary of tenders isgiven below:

1. Tender No. 01/EE(E&M)/Solar/2024-25, 10 kW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at DGM Office, Srikot, Srinagar (Garhwal), amounting to Rs. 5,48,400/- +GST Extra.
2. Tender No. 02/EE(E&M)/Solar/2024-25, 10 kW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at EE Office, Kund, Guptkashi, amounting to Rs. 5,48,400/- +GST Extra.
3. Tender No. 03/EE(E&M)/Solar/2024-25, 10 kW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at Intake of Madhyamaheshwar SHP, Mansoona, Ukhimath, amounting to Rs. 5,48,400/- +GST Extra.

Date of availability of bid documents on website : 30-08-2024 from 17:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of Tender : 24-09-2024 till 17:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

Executive Engineer (E&M)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Government of Maharashtra
Directorate of Municipal Administration
CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai

E-Tender Notice No. 1 for 2024-25

- **Work Name: "Supply, Providing Operation & Comprehensive Maintenance Services of Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs) for period of 8 years to handle day to day sewerage emergencies which occurs while cleaning sewer lines in Maharashtra State"**
- Information regarding the E-Tender notice, Tender documents and other information etc. will be available on this website - https://mahatenders.gov.in/

Tender ID No.-2024_DMA_1077860_1

Sd/-
(Sanjay kakade)
Jt. Commissioner
Directorate of Municipal Administration

DGIPR/2024-2025/2525

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice 14/2024 **Dated:- 28.08.2024**

E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway. Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders:

SN.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	EMD(Rs.)
1	19246822	Supply, Manufacturing, Transportation, Commissioning, installation and testing of 15 Ton EOT Crane with Shrounded type DSL and Remote control as per COFMOW Spec No COFMOW/IR/EOTC/2020. Annexure attached in Pdf.	01 Nos.	108900/-

Tender Opening Date:- 26.09.2024, Note:- (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on **IREPS** website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in., (2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against Above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into Financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered., **4.** Documents being attached should be signed on their body., The above tender notice has been uploaded on **http:// www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in".** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the **IREPS** website may be approached.

1535/24 (ADM)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS POONCH.
Fax / Tele No. 01965-221369, 01965-220408
email : dpopoonch@jkpolice.gov.in

LOOK OUT NOTICE

As intimated by Dy. SP Hqrs. Poonch vide his letter No. Hqrs/Rdr/95/2024/9707 dated 27-08-2024 that one Shaheen Akhter W/O Nazir Ahmed R/O Seri Khawaja Tehsil Haveli District Poonch is missing from her home situated at village Seri Khawaja. On this, a missing report was entered vide DD No. 18 dated 12-08-2024. However, description of the kidnapped girl along with photograph is given below :-

1.	Name	Shaheen Akhter
2.	Husband	Nazir Ahmed
3.	Residence	R/O Seri Khawaja, Tehsil Haveli, district Poonch
4.	Age	22/23 years
5.	Language Known	Urdu /Pahari/ Kashmiri
6.	Complexion	Whitish
8.	Height	5'-6"
9.	Sex	Female
10.	Hair	Black
11.	Bulid	Normal
12.	Dress	Salwar, Kameez

Kindly have a sharp lookout, if traced out/ any information contact PCR Poonch on the following Numbers. 01965220225, 9086253188.

No:-SSP/Rdr/27/2024/41239-50
Dated:- 29-08-2024
DIP No:DIP/J-4796/24/30/08/2024

Sr. Superintendent of Police, Poonch.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
PREMISES & ESTATE DEPARTMENT
LHO MUMBAI METRO
3rd Floor, Synergy Building, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai – 400 051

TENDER ID: MAH202408011

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI) FOR SELECTION AND ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT CUM PMC FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL OUFITS AT HINJEWADI-PUNE

SBI invites Expression of Interest(EOI) from reputed and experienced Architectural firms/Individual for selection and engagement of Principal Architect cum Project Management Consultant to render Consultancy services for the proposed construction of residential cum commercial outfits at Hinjewadi - Pune.

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Investors are placing blind bets on SME IPOs, anticipating big listing day gains. That has resulted in oversubscription of up to 2,000 times. The IPO bid by a Delhi bike dealer exceeded the amount he wanted to raise by 400 times

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Negotiating unruly traffic and bypassing hordes of children rushing out of their schools in the narrow potholed streets of southwest Delhi's Dwarka, you reach the showroom of the bike dealer who grabbed global attention in August for the astronomical bids on the initial public offer (IPO) of his store.

The swanky showroom, which sells superbikes of a foreign brand, is set on a crowded row of shops. As a handful of employees went about their work on a Wednesday afternoon, the 2,000-square feet store, packed with space-age designs of premium bikes and scooters appeared very quiet — almost an unlikely place to have attracted so much attention.

The Rs 12-crore IPO for Resourceful Automobile, which has just two showrooms and eight employees, stunned the financial markets as it received bids worth Rs 4,800 crore and the issue got oversubscribed by nearly 400 times last month. "My friends suggested that I should try the SME platform route to raise funds for expansion," Rahul Sawhney, the chairman and managing director of the company, told **TOI**. He was unfazed by the impending compliance burden in the months ahead, asserting that the company's chartered accountant and company secretary would handle the requirements and meet all regulatory obligations.

"There has been a lot of publicity about our IPO. *Yeh acha bhi aur bura bhi hai* [this is both good and bad]. We are not fly-by-night operators. We are selling premium bikes and will continue to serve the segment. Demand for premium bikes is strong and spikes during the festival season, such as Dussehra and Dhanteras," says Sawhney, who does appear overwhelmed by the publicity.

Premium Bikes, Rising Demand

Resourceful Automobile Pvt Ltd was set up in 2018 and operates the showrooms under the brand name Sawhney Automobile. Rahul Sawhney, a 33-year old entrepreneur and bike enthusiast, heads the company, which also includes his wife Megha Chawla and mother Bindu Sawhney as partners. "We never imagined this kind of a response. It shows the public's trust," says BK Trivedi, the general manager at the company's showroom. The plan is to use the funds to expand to two more showrooms. He says the demand for premium bikes and scooters remains strong, including from rural areas in the sprawling sectors bordering Gurugram.

"Mostly it's the college-going youth who are our customers. Easy financing options also help in sustaining the demand," says Trivedi. The price of bikes ranges from Rs 1.37 lakh to Rs 5.25 lakh, while scooters are priced between Rs 97,000 and Rs 1.8 lakh.

Alarmed by the massive bids for such issues, regulators have sounded caution. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has cautioned investors about proliferation of unscrupulous promoters in the small and medium enterprises (SME) segment.

Caution Ahead

The SME platform of the stock exchanges became active in 2012 to serve as an alternative source of raising funds for emerging businesses. According to Sebi data, during the past decade, more than Rs 14,000 crore has been raised through these platforms, of which around Rs 6,000 crore was raised during FY24.

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has the SME platform while the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) operates the 'Emerge' entity to enable small and medium enterprises list and raise funds.

Experts say the surging markets and entry of young investors has fuelled a frenzy, while the easy availability of apps has made investing easy.

"I used to have a phrase called 'sins of a bull market'. This makes me think I need a much more dramatic one. Be careful folks," wrote Radhika Gupta on microblogging site X (previously known as Twitter), alongside a news report about the Resourceful Automobile IPO.

Some experts said greed was driving the majority of investment decisions and, often, young investors do not show due diligence before putting in their money.

"Five years ago, average retail application in SME IPO was only 408 and that figure for 2024-25 is 2.13 lakh. Minimum ticket size (minimum amount a retail investor has to bid) in SME IPO is Rs 1 lakh," said Pranav Haldea, managing director of Prime Database, which tracks the stock market. He added that the majority of investors are coming for short-term listing gains and not from a long-term investment perspective.

"Average gain in an SME listing has been 77%. When there are unscrupulous elements, they take advantage of such a situation," said Haldea.

TOTAL BIDS RECEIVED ₹1.8 LAKH CR

Combined issue size of top 20 SME IPOs ₹294 CR

Assuming **50%** of the amount was used for multiple IPO bids, middle class Indians spared **₹90,000 crore** to invest in SME IPOs, most likely for listing day gains

Pics: Anindya Chattopadhyay

The Sawhney Automobile showroom

TOP 20 BLOCKBUSTER SME IPOs

Name	Date	Issue amount (₹cr)	Total times subscribed
HOEAC Foods India Ltd	May 16 2024	5.1	1,963
Magenta Lifcare Ltd	June 24	6.64	1,003
Green Jitech Ventures Ltd	Apr 16 2024	5.97	771
KayCee Energy and Infra Ltd	Dec 28, 2023	14.9	735
Koura Fine Daimond Jewellery Ltd	Mar 6 2024	5.1	727
Kahan Packaging Ltd	Sept 6, 2023	5.4	714
Maxposure Ltd	Jan 16, 2024	19.03	697
Medicamen Organics Ltd	June 21, 2024	9.96	689
Slone Infosystmes Ltd	May 3, 2024	10.5	642
Brace Fort Logistics Ltd	Aug 19, 2024	23.2	634
GP Eco Solutions India Ltd	Jun 14, 2024	27.7	591
OLATech Solutions Ltd	Aug 12, 2024	1.8	552
Sai Swami Metals and Alloys Ltd	Apr 30, 2024	14.2	541
Trident Techlabs Ltd	Dec 21, 2023	14.8	538
Amkay Products Ltd	Apr 30, 2024	11.95	520
QVC Exports Ltd	Aug 21, 2024	22.9	507
Nephro Care India Ltd	June 28, 2024	39.2	506
Signoria Creation Ltd	Mar 12, 2024	8.8	505
Aesthetik Engineers Ltd	Aug 8, 2024	25.1	499
Winsol Engineers Ltd	May 6, 2024	22.2	473
Resourceful Automobile	**Aug 27**	**12**	**400**

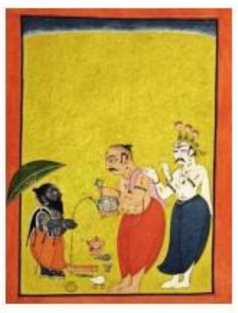
Source: primedata base

INQUIZITIVE

by **JOY BHATTACHARJYA**

1 On Aug 28, 2024, javelin thrower Sumit Antil and shot putter Bhagyashri Jadhav were India's flag bearers at the opening ceremony of which international sporting event?

2 With which Indian state would you associate the legendary king **Mahabali, whose encounter with Vamana**, an avatar of Lord Vishnu, is celebrated in an important festival?



3 With reference to India, what are Mysteres, Gnats, Hunters and Maruts?

4 Mute, Black and Trumpeter are all varieties of which species of bird of the genus Cygnus?

5 The name of which Indian city originated from the term for 'Place of the Thunderbolt' in the local Lepcha language?

6 Which Pashtun born in Kabul was a professor of civil engineering at a college in Byculla in the '70s before distinguishing himself as a script and dialogue writer and comic villain in over 300 films?

7 What is the word used to describe words that sound exactly the same but are spelt and pronounced differently, like 'bare' and 'bear', or 'sight' and 'site'?

8 In which popular 2011 Indian film will you hear a song with lyrics by Javed Akhtar and performed by Maria del Mar Fernandez with additional vocals by three Indian actors?

9 Which villain in a horror story was based on Prince Vlad IV of Walachia, a tyrant who executed thousands by impaling them on stakes?

10 The classic variety of jeans popularised by Levis Strauss has five pockets: two large pockets each at the back and front and an additional smaller pocket in the front. What was the smaller pocket originally designed to hold?

ANSWERS

1 | Paralympics 2024 in Paris 2 | Kerala (Onam) 3 | Former combat aircraft of Indian Air Force 4 | Swan 5 | Darjeeling, from 'Dorje ling' 6 | Kader Khan 7 | Homophones 8 | Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (the song is 'Senorita') 9 | Dracula (written by Bram Stoker) 10 | A pocket watch, they were originally called 'fob' or 'watch' pockets

Did CALCULUS Come Out Of Kerala?

A new book claims that 14th-century maths whiz Madhava's formulas would not have been possible without basic calculus, even though Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibniz are considered the fathers of modern calculus

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So, who got there first? Was it Isaac Newton? Or was it Gottfried Leibniz? This had led to one of the ugliest spats in the scientific community, in the early 18th century, with supporters of Newton claiming he was the first to discover calculus, and those in the Leibniz camp saying that this was ridiculous, it was Leibniz who had cracked calculus first.

Four hundred years later, with passions having long cooled after neutral observers reached the conclusion that both Newton and Leibniz had discovered calculus independently — Leibniz beginning with integration and Newton with differentiation — there are now claims that perhaps it was Madhava from Kerala who had got there before both Newton and Leibniz, sometime in the 14th century.

Kerala School Of Mathematics

A recent publication, titled 'The Secret Lives of Numbers: A Global History of Mathematics & Its Unsung Trailblazers' by Kate Kitagawa and Timothy Revell has piqued the interest of the Western world. "The ancient Greeks are put on a pedestal as somehow being the originator of modern mathematics, yet so much of what is now incorporated into our global knowledge comes from many other places too, including ancient China, India and the Arabian peninsula," write Kitagawa and Revell in the prelude to their book.

So, determined to give credit where it is due, the writers dwell at length on the brilliant mathematician Madhava, who was born in a village in central Kerala in 1340. "And what was needed to deduce these formulas (that Madhava wrote)?" ask the writers. "Calculus. Or certainly the basics of calculus," they conclude.

International Recognition

In recent years, the international community has begun to recognise Madhava's contributions, renaming several mathematical theorems in his honour, such as the Madhava-Leibniz series on infinity. Back home though, there's been little effort to protect and retrieve Madhava's works, which could be vital for future explorations in mathematics.

However, over the past 12 years, a gradual but persistent movement has begun in Kerala, spearheaded by a group of academics who are trying to recover Madhava's writings on palm leaves and making them accessible for future scholars.

Litty Chacko, a Malayalam teacher at St Joseph College, Irinjalakkuda, leads this movement, supported by her former colleagues, Aneesh EM, a teacher of zoology, and Mangalammal NR, a retired mathematics professor. Their quest to understand Madhava's life and work is opening new avenues in the study of mathematical history.

"It was Madhava who determined the value of Pi up to 10 decimal places. [Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.] Mathematics until then existed in finite series; it was Madhava who introduced the concept of an infinite series. Additionally, sine and cosine tables were affirmed by the theorems of Madhava, decades before Newton, Leibniz and Copernicus," says Chacko.

Wrote 8 Books, 3 Missing

But Madhava's contributions to mathematics went largely unrecognised for centuries. According to historical accounts, Madhava founded the Kerala School of Astronomy and Mathematics and is credited with writing eight books, though only five have been found so far. His remaining works, including a work called 'Golavada' that his disciples consider his magnum opus, have not been traced yet.

Recently, Chacko authored a book titled 'Sangamagrama Madhavante Randu Krithikal (Two Works of Sangamagrama Madhava)' which was published by the National Book Trust. This features, for the first time, Madhava's work Lagnaprakaranam. The team of academics found the manuscript at an antique seller's in Irinjalakkuda in 2018. They also found some other manuscripts with the same seller. These are commentaries on astronomy, purportedly written by Madhava.

"We could undertake this long research partly due to our curiosity about the subject and partly due to our friendship," says Aneesh. He says, as a zoologist, he contributed to the research by developing techniques to ensure that the palm leaves featuring Madhava's works remain accessible for future generations. Aneesh's team is using techniques from archaezoology to ascertain the actual age of the materials they've collected. "We've also developed materials using nanoparticles in our lab to preserve the palm leaves without affecting the text written on them," says Aneesh, who currently works at the department of zoology, University of Calicut.

Meanwhile, Mangalammal, the mathematician in the group, says that deciphering the available work they have found would require a larger team of experts across multiple domains, including mathematics, astronomy and Sanskrit. "In ancient India, mathematics was not an individual subject; it was always combined with concepts of astrology and astronomy. Understanding the meaning of Madhava's works requires expertise in mathematics, Sanskrit, and Jyotisa (astrology/astronomy)," says Mangalammal.

Watching Stars From A Temple

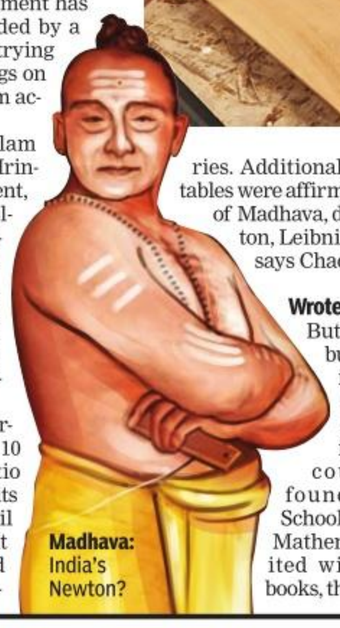
At Irinjadappilly Mana in Kallettumkara near Irinjalakkuda, where Madhava probably lived, tales of his achievements are popular even today, Chacko says. Locals here believe that Madhava conducted his space observations at a Shree Krishna temple here. "In Nandinagiri script, it is written that this *peeth* (seat) was used by Madhava for his space observations, but no attempt has been made to ascertain the period during which these stone inscriptions were created," Chacko says.

'The Crest of the Peacock: Non-European Roots of Mathematics', a book authored by George Gheverghese Joseph and published by Princeton University, suggests that Indian knowledge systems, including Madhava's works, likely travelled to Europe through Christian missionaries who arrived from the West. Joseph cites several instances of Jesuits from European nations who sought assistance from Brahmins and the Cochin royal family in translating Sanskrit manuscripts into European languages.

"This knowledge acquisition began with the very arrival of Jesuits in Kerala. The translation of local sciences into European languages before their transmission to Europe was epitomised by Garcia da Orta's popular work, 'Colloquios dos simples e drogas he cousas mediçinas da India', published in Goa in 1563. There may have been other, similar publications that remain inaccessible, possibly due to linguistic and nationalistic reasons," writes Joseph in his book.

According to researchers, India has yet to develop detailed cataloguing systems like those found in libraries abroad, and many working in this field lack the knowledge and skills in archival management. "Managing archives in our country remains a significant barrier to our research. There is an urgent need to develop expertise in manuscript preservation and make these records accessible to the public," says Chacko.

The researchers say by collaborating with the govt of India, their team is trying to bring back the manuscripts of Kerala School of Astronomy and Mathematics to India. "I am aware that libraries in Germany, the Vatican and Lisbon have huge collections of manuscripts from Kerala, especially on Jyotisa. We are sure that we will also be able to retrieve the 'Golavada', in the coming years," says Chacko.



Madhava: India's Newton?

THE SUM OF FINDINGS: (Above) UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar examines inscriptions at a temple; (left) Palm-leaf manuscripts being studied. Over the past 12 years, a gradual but persistent movement has begun in Kerala, spearheaded by a group of academics, to recover Madhava's writings on palm leaves and make them accessible for future scholars

MATHEMATICIAN & ASTRONOMER

MADHAVA SERIES | Madhava developed an infinite series expansion for trigonometric functions such as sine, cosine, and arctangent, which are similar to the modern-day Taylor series. These expansions were groundbreaking in the study of trigonometry and laid the foundation for further advancements in the discipline.

FINDING APPROXIMATE VALUE FOR π | His works provided a series for calculating π (Pi) which converges to the true value of π faster than the method used by ancient Greeks. A specific series for π, which later became famous as the Gregory-Leibniz series, was originally discovered by Madhava.

CALCULUS FOUNDATIONS | Madhava's work laid the groundwork for the development of calculus, predating similar work in Europe by a few centuries. The Madhava series provides a foundation for calculus, which, very broadly, is the study of continuous change and a bedrock in mathematics.

KERALA SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS | Madhava is considered the founder of the Kerala School of Mathematics, whose disciples continued to develop and refine his mathematical ideas for centuries.

WHY I DON'T WANT TO START A RESTAURANT

Abhijit Banerjee

TASTING ECONOMICS

My wife and I are cowards: imaginary violence on a small computer screen scares us. We are, therefore, natural clients for the recent spate of TV and movie dramas about running restaurants, where a grease fire in the kitchen is mostly as stressful as it gets — the much-hyped (and rather silly) 'The Menu' is a dramatic and highly missable exception. We loved 'Boiling Point', Philip Barantini's extraordinary single-take depiction of a busy night at a high-end restaurant. Cheyenne's sister Jade, a pastry chef who has worked at various high-end restaurants, tells us that the film captures well the feel of a restaurant kitchen when it's buzzing. She is also a fan of the TV serial 'The Bear', with Jeremy Allen White, of underwear ad fame, as the chef and main character.

The interest in restaurant stories is not accidental. We are in the age of the great chef, the stovetop sorcerer, the punctilious poet of the pasta pot. And it is entirely fair. Many chefs are extraordinarily creative, though I sometimes wish that my late aunt, Bandana, and Rama, who used to cook for my late mum, get even a fraction of their recognition. My aunt made the most divine kochu bata (spiced pureed taro roots) and arh begun (eggplant with a fish called arh) I ever tasted. Ten years since she last fed me, I can still taste the meals she would cook up on a shoestring budget. Rama makes the most wonderful masoor dal, shukto and pabda maccher jhol, and I am lucky that I can still sometimes get her to cook for us. In her own way, using traditional techniques and everyday ingredients, she is a genius too.

We are in the age of the great chef, the stovetop sorcerer, the punctilious poet of the pasta pot. But no chef can work alone. He needs a variety of assistants to do their job perfectly before he can swing his wand and turn them into the creations he is known for

In many ways, the chef-restaurateur is quite the image of our times, a variant of today's heroes, the inventor-entrepreneurs who take risks, innovate, and change our lives forever, for better and for worse. We forgive them their self-absorption, the fact that they talk of social good when they mean their own good, their willingness to turn their backs on their loudly stated ideals when the money is big enough. All because we believe (often because they have told us) that they are touched by genius, thus connecting us to the frontiers of human possibility.

The great chefs offer us the same joy, conveniently plated for immediate consumption. Not just El Bulli's foam surprises and Noma's edible imitations of Scandinavian seascapes (not that I have been to those hallowed destinations), but also the unlikely savory mung dal jalebi filled with fish eggs that we ate at Kolkata's wonderful Annaja.

Restaurants fit well with how economists have traditionally thought of firms. In our models, a creative spirit sets up a firm and employs all the other inputs (labour, skills, machines) to turn his dream into a reality. The firm's productivity, in this view, mostly depends on the entrepreneur's talent, and the effort he puts into making it a success, for which we pay him/her the (very) big bucks — Mr Elon Musk claims that he needs to be paid a cool $54 billion this year to ensure that he has the incentive to fight off Chinese competition on behalf of Tesla.

The key point is that chefs cannot work alone, which makes them very different from the present-day image of the solitary artist-genius. This wasn't always the case. In the 16th century, Tiziano ran a workshop where the art that we now call Titian's was produced by a group of apprentices under his guidance. This probably meant he needed to keep regular hours and make sure he was there when his staff was.

Very much like a chef has to. No chef alone can produce even a fraction of the food that he sells. He needs a variety of assistants who start long before the restaurant opens, making sauces, marinating meat, sculpting pastries, and so on. They often each have different tasks, and the chef needs all of them to do their job perfectly before he can swing his wand and turn them into the creations he is known for. The production of the elaborate multi-layered French dessert called entremets for example, Jade tells me, can take as many as five days, with up to three people working on each entremet at the same time — the right kind of biscuit has to be made, soaked in the right syrup, combined with a mousse and crémeux (which have to be made separately) and then coated appropriately with nuts or chocolate.

Illustration by **Cheyenne Olivier**

But what makes running a restaurant even harder is that a client is waiting for that food, with a strong expectation that he gets it within a short interval of having ordered. This means that if there was a mistake somewhere in that chain of production, because, say, one of the new assistants did not do his job properly or the great man himself screwed up, there is no way to go back and properly paint over the mistakes. The only option is a quick fudge and then, fingers crossed, the client may just not notice.

In fact, the pressure starts many hours before the restaurant opens. The leeks did not show up, the fish was a little iffy, and the ice cream melted for some reason. Time to scramble, to call in favours from other suppliers, to redesign the menu to fit what you have, and still be able to pretend that things are the same.

In other words, running a successful restaurant is a huge management challenge, making sure that many people do many things at the appropriate times. And this is where the lone genius model of a chef (or an entrepreneur) starts to wear (very) thin. Good management is a lot about designing workflows that are based on realistic assumptions about what specific people can do day after day. In principle, a restaurant could choose its menu and design its entire production process to minimise the stress and excitement, by hiring enough that there is always a backup and everyone has time to do, and if necessary, redo, any particular task.

Well-designed workflows also make it possible to delegate decisions. And delegating to the right person and trusting them to do a good job is another skill of an effective manager. This requires introspection by the chef — understanding what she/he does well and what is better trusted to someone else's judgment.

Good management is also about keeping the staff happy — one properly disgruntled restaurant worker can spell ruin for his bosses in a way that Titian's assistants never could. It is about regularly chatting with the suppliers to make sure that they can be relied upon, and about actually keeping calm and carrying on, in the middle of mayhem.

The point of departure of the movies and TV shows mentioned above is that many talented chefs have no natural aptitude for these. The brilliant chef and central character in 'The Bear' is a preternaturally shy young man — so frightened of life that he gives a beautiful young woman who hits on him a fake number — and little appetite for details or planning. As a result, disaster follows on disaster, fat fires break out in the kitchen, and staff members quit, but this being a made-up story, there is a happy ending.

In life, things do not always work out so nicely. The New York Times is full of notices for restaurant closures. All too often, based on the late chef and TV personality Anthony Bourdain's 'Kitchen Confidential', and what Jade tells us, restaurants seem to rely on the charisma of the chef and the lure of a Michelin star or other acclaim to get its staff to work extra hours for no extra pay and to forgive their boss' brattish behavior at stressful moments. Yelling and being yelled at, making mistakes and covering them up, snorting cocaine to get through nights when that extra bit of energy is all that stands between you and disaster, seems to be the order of all too many restaurants.

For an economist, the question is why. The chef does not lack incentives — it is his career and fame that is on the line, and he makes money if the restaurant succeeds. So why doesn't he plan things better?

It is only recently that economists have begun to recognise that incentives are not always enough to deliver good management. Even relatively large firms often seem to be almost egregiously ill-managed. A study of Indian textile firms with 100-plus employees by Nicholas Bloom from Stanford University and four others, found that firm managers make elementary errors. They fail to ensure that their inventory of yarn is labeled and, therefore, cannot find the yarn they need, and sometimes leave flammable material on the shop floor. This seems inconsistent with firms responding efficiently to incentives; there is always an excellent reason to avoid fire hazards, for example, but the managers don't always manage.

People sometimes ask me if I would like to run a restaurant. I enjoy cooking, but I am a terrible manager. Even delegating the prep work in my home kitchen to a willing volunteer stresses me out. I say no.

This is part of a monthly column by Nobel-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee illustrated by Cheyenne Olivier

CHUTNEY RECIPES

A well-run kitchen ought to have its stock of chutneys. They are quick to make and last several days and can be strategically deployed to perk up an otherwise unexciting offering. Here are two that may be less familiar.

Zucchini chutney

Heat 2 tbs oil and when hot, throw in 1 tsp mustard seeds. When they start popping, add 1 tbs chana dal, a few curry leaves and a red chili. When the chili browns slightly, add ½ cup finely chopped shallots, and let them soften at lowish heat (3 minutes). Add 2 tsp chopped garlic and 2 tsp chopped ginger, fry for a minute and 2/3 cup finely chopped tomatoes and salt. Soften the tomatoes so that you have a sauce and then add 2 cups zucchini chopped into 1 cm cubes. Let it cook for ten minutes, covered, so that the zucchini is fully soft. Grind the whole thing with enough stems and leaves of cilantro to fill up a cup very loosely. Check for salt.

Fig chutney

Heat 2 tbsp mustard oil. Throw in ¼ tsp methi seeds, ½ tsp fennel seeds and ½ tsp nigella seeds. When they sizzle, say after 45 seconds, add ½ cup finely chopped red onion. Soften the onion at medium heat, about 4 minutes. Add ½ tbs grated ginger and 3 cups figs, each cut into 8ths. Add 1 tbsp sugar (to draw the water), ½ tsp salt, and 1/4 tsp piment d'espelette or any other sweetish chili powder. Cover and cook at low heat for 12 minutes. Taste for salt and remove to a bowl.

How the desi aunty network is rallying behind Kamala Harris

Campaign has energised South Asian women who are doing everything from fundraising to knocking on doors. But for 'Lotus in Potus', it's still a challenging road ahead

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Dr Vineeta Gupta had always been interested in social justice, but her involvement in electoral politics was limited to voting. The way she saw it, the social justice movement is a "community marathon," one where no matter who is in power, you keep running. But this year, the Maryland-based physician refuses to sit on the electoral sidelines. So, in between her day job, she has been involved in fund-raising efforts, writing postcards to convince other South Asians to vote for Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris and inviting South Asian women into her home to engage with them on policy issues.

Dr Gupta is just one of many South Asians rallying behind Harris. While her identity has a huge role to play — the idea of an Indian and Black woman in the highest office has long been unthinkable for many — various issues such as reproductive rights, gun violence and immigration policy animate the desire of desis, young and old, to roll up their sleeves and get involved beyond just voting.

One of the largest grassroots organisations involved in this mission is South Asians for Harris, with sub-groups for South Asian women, men and journalists. Neha Dewan, a lawyer, who has long been part of efforts to engage South Asians in American politics, says the enthusiasm is like never before. "When Kamala was endorsed, people went insane. Everyone — from teenagers too young to vote to nanis frantically making phone calls — have gotten involved. The knocks on our doors have not stopped," she says, estimating that their desi volunteer network runs into the tens of thousands. Last month, the South Asian Women for Harris Zoom call alone had about 10,000 participants, including comedian Mindy Kaling, and reportedly raised $275,000. While some raise funds, others are getting their boots on the ground, going door-to-door in battleground states.

For Dewan, who first became loosely involved in a group called South Asians for Obama back in 2008, the goal has been for South Asians to rally behind one another. "In 2009, Reshma Saujani was the first South Asian woman to run for Congress. I thought, where is the desi community? Why do they not know she's running? Our community is very fragmented, and I wanted to change that," she says. In 2016, she co-founded South Asians for Hillary, and then four years later, South Asians for Biden. But with Harris, there is something different, in part due to the Indian connection. Recently, Dewan asked her daughters, two and five, who Harris looks like. Both beamed, "mommy". "This is why representation matters," she says.

Another such effort is the Chitthi Brigade, named after the Tamil word for 'aunt' which Harris has used in speeches.

DESI-DING FACTOR: Vineeta Gupta (right) has been volunteering with organisations like Indian American Impact Fund

Co-founder Shoba Viswanathan and her friends Indira Jain and Sowmya Mukund came up with this idea after discussing the effectiveness of personal connection in campaigning. A phone call from a stranger is great, but when another woman from your community reaches out, there is power to that, they wagered. "Each of us knew people who knew people and it snowballed. Most of us are women of a certain age but we're also seeing more and more of our daughters and nieces get involved. People don't want to sit on the sidelines of this one," says Viswanathan. Their WhatsApp groups have women from across the country, most of whom have never been politically involved before but relate to Harris as a woman of colour.

Besides making people aware of voting registration deadlines and countering misinformation, reproductive rights are also a big focus. "Women's rights are at stake and it's important to stress that one party is more friendly and inclusive." Even though some involved, especially younger people, are critical of the administration's handling of Gaza, she adds, the goal is to push strongly for a ceasefire even while working with the US election timeline. "While people are disturbed with the policies of the current administration, do we want an autocratic system where our voices will not be heard, or do we want to work with the democratic process?"

The growing enthusiasm for Harris as compared to Biden is also reflected in surveys. Karthick Ramakrishnan, executive director of AAPI data and researcher at UC Berkeley, says the over 2 million Indian American eligible voters could be a major factor in the race. "Between 2020 and 2024, Joe Biden lost 20 percentage points of the Indian American vote, and this is before the debate. But Trump did not gain their support. Instead, they were sitting on the sidelines," he says. "Evidence so far suggests they've regained a lot of that. If you look at the energy of volunteers, the donations and the grassroot efforts popping up, it indicates enthusiasm and pride."

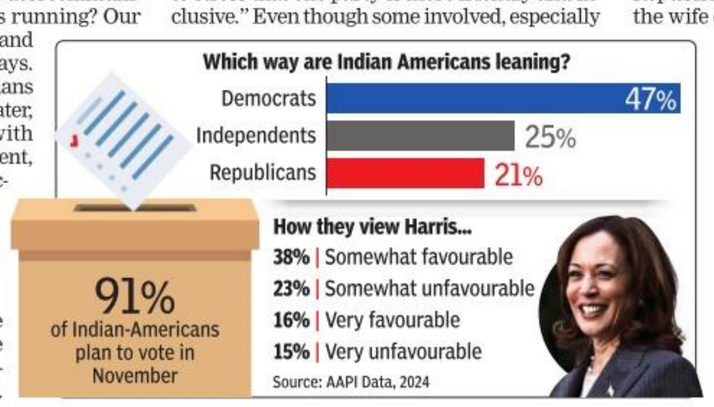
While policy issues like the economy and healthcare are part of the reason Indian Americans tend to vote blue, when voters were asked 'could you vote for someone who you disagreed with about the following issues', Ramakrishnan found Trump would face a hard time when it came to racism and discrimination, first and foremost, followed by abortion.

Harris emphasising her Indian heritage has helped too. This also highlights a change in the role identity plays in American elections these days. Back in 2006, Raj Goyle ran for Congress in the Kansas House of Representatives and won, becoming one of the first Indian Americans elected to office. "The conventional wisdom at the time was that you had to run away from identity and ethnicity. Even back then, I would say, 'I don't think that's right. You have to be who you are, because voters distrust inauthenticity'."

Goyle, who also co-founded the Indian American Impact Fund which works on voter mobilisation and fundraising, spoke to **TOI** from the Democratic National Convention which, he says, indicates the mood and energy of this campaign. "This convention rivals 2008. In a certain sense, there's even more urgency because of the stakes. The spectre of a Donald Trump restoration sends a chill down the spines of Democrats."

Despite the optimism, the truth is that the Indian American community is as stratified by religion, language, caste and class in the US as it is back home. AAPI data showed that while 47% of Indians leaned Democrat, 21% backed Republicans. Besides the fact that Usha Vance, the wife of Trump's pick for vice president, is also stressing her desi roots, there are promises like green cards for foreign graduates that might sway the immigrant vote.

Whichever way they swing, this election has made one thing clear — the community is being 'seen'. Dr Gupta hopes this will help them recognise their influence. "This is the first time I have seen Indian Americans so involved in an election since I moved to the US. We don't use our influence enough for policy changes that we need, whether that's culturally sensitive healthcare or immigration reforms. We leave our power on the table."



Can Mollywood's MeToo moment change the movies?

While WCC's story has made headlines, there are also smaller film collectives fighting for change. But can these ripples turn into waves?

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I am not okay with people saying, 'the Malayalam industry is so rotten inside'. No, we are good inside, which is why we are fixing it. The places you don't hear anything about, that's where we should be worried," Parvathy Thiruvothu told a news channel.

Thiruvothu, a leading actor, is a founding member of Kerala's Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), set up after the sexual assault of a fellow actor blew open the stubborn misogyny and injustice in the film industry. The recently released Hema Committee report was a result of WCC's long campaign. Its revelations have forced big resignations, shaken up Kerala's movie industry, and led to intense gender wars and calls for introspection.

This comes nearly six years after #MeToo hit India, which presented a mixed picture. Abusers have been rehabilitated, there have been legal setbacks, institutions are hostile or in denial. But what remains alive is the persistence and newfound solidarity among women. Can WCC's example now inspire collective organising by other women?

STICK TOGETHER: Bitchitra Collective provides financial aid to women and non-binary documentary makers, along with SOS support during shoots

KERALA TO KOLKATA

Events in Kerala have already reverberated in Kolkata, where the rape-murder at RG Kar hospital had compelled women to march on the streets. "There was a feeling that the world, already a dark place for women, was only getting darker," says cinematographer Modhura Palit, the first Indian to win the Pierre Angenieux Award at Cannes. So, Palit and more than 50 female actors, directors, cinematographers and writers in the Bengali film industry, including veterans like Aparna Sen and Swastika Mukherjee, came together to form the Womens' Forum for Screen Workers+ in West Bengal. "We work in unorganised settings, in volatile situations and in weird places," says Palit.

On Tuesday, they put forward a charter of demands, calling for stronger application of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act, 2013, constitution of internal complaint committees (ICCs), and a 24x7 helpline for survivors of sexual harassment in the industry.

Though sexual harassment has dominated headlines, WCC's goal was also to highlight disparity in wages and working conditions. "There are 75-odd professions within the industry, from producers and actors and writers to those who do the lights, those who cook the food and get the tea — there is no gender fairness in any of these fields," says actor Padmapriya Janakiraman, another founding member of the WCC. They had collaborated with the NGO Sakhi to network with other southern film industries to create guidelines on safety, she says.

But many of these efforts have sputtered. After having faced intense backlash for alleging harassment by a famous lyricist, singer Chinmayi Sripada has no hopes for a women's collective in Tamil Nadu. "I don't think they're ready for the can of worms that will pop up. Some senior women actors have even declared that there is no sexual harassment in the Tamil industry. The only studio with a functioning ICC that I know of is AR Rahman's."

PRIYANKA SINGH
CINEMATOGRAPHER

Much of my work comes via the collective. In these projects, I'm not called difficult if I ask for toilet access on a set

The Telugu film industry has also been slow to stir. After a female actor stripped in front of the film chamber office in Jubilee Hills in 2019 to draw attention to sexual harassment in the industry, the state govt set up a committee to investigate. But little came of it, and the Voice of Women committee within the industry is dormant, as is WCC's Hyderabad chapter.

"It's happened to me more times than I can count," says a 25-year-old actor who has played small parts in Telugu movies. "One time when I auditioned as a friend of the lead actress, the director asked if I'd like to be the lead instead. I was thrilled but when I got home, he called and straight up asked if I would sleep with him. I refused, and I was dropped from the film." But with no authority to turn to, she says there is little that struggling actors can do.

COLLECTIVE SUPPORT

Still, efforts to create support systems are on. Mumbai-based Priyanka Singh, one of the founders of the Indian Women Cinematographers Collective, says most of her projects come through this collective. "They have felt like safer spaces. I'm not told to dress like a man to be taken seriously, or called 'difficult' for asking for toilet access on a set," Singh says. While there was an Indian Society of Cinematographers, it was entirely a "men's club where they all patted each other on the back", she adds.

In a similar vein, three years ago, a group of women and non-binary documentary filmmakers formed the Bitchitra Collective. Today, it has nearly 400 members, and is a source of strength to young directors like Farha Khatun. Her family in West Bengal's Medinipur worried about her safety while was making documentaries in faraway places with little security or phone signal. These fears were not unfounded, Khatun admits. Once, a camel-breeder in Kutch, the subject of her documentary, acted inappropriately with her. For such encounters, the Collective has active WhatsApp and Facebook groups where members can send SOS messages.

Will this sisterhood last though? "With the #MeToo movement in Bollywood, we saw how limited the gains can be, once the spotlight shifts," says Singh. She hopes that this time, things will be different.

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Why we need to talk to our 'raja betas' about consent, respecting boundaries

*The 'boys will be boys' dictum may only end up perpetuating a cycle of patriarchy. As Kolkata case shakes up nation, **Sunday Times** talks to experts on what we can do to raise our sons right*

Neha Bhayana

Last week, Class 7 students at a reputed school in Coimbatore were playing a 15-things activity where the teacher would give them a category (animal, plant, food) and they had to write 15 corresponding items. When English teacher Srividya Sivakumar told them to write about clothing, she heard a loud 'cheee' with a tone of disgust from the back of the class. Sivakumar questioned the boy. "You ask him, he is saying all sorts of nonsense," the chee-sayer replied. Sivakumar called the other boy to her desk and asked him to repeat what he had said. He leaned towards her and whispered "bra". Sivakumar smiled. "It is just a garment. Why the secrecy," she asked, before moving on to vegetables and states. Later, she told her class that many crimes were being committed against women and found that a good number of the 12-year-olds knew about the Kolkata rape-murder of a young trainee doctor.

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> — Vasu Primlani

The teacher, who is also a mental health advocate, has made it her mission to talk about 'uncomfortable, unsavoury and horrendous things' to promote dialogue and inspire a change in mindset, in her own small way. But she is an exception. It is rare for parents and educators to talk to kids about these topics. Many parents, in fact, hide the newspaper from their little ones on days when the headlines scream rape, fearing the questions it will lead to.

But can we afford to do this anymore? The recent spate of sexual violence has triggered a debate on the need to work on prevention of crimes. The slogan 'sirf beti mat bachao, bete ko sikhao' (don't just save your daughters, teach your sons) has been echoing across the country.

Rape prevention and rehabilitation specialist Vasu Primlani is glad we are finally on the right track. In her 2018 YouTube video on 'Solutions to India's Rape Crisis', she had pointed out that India was looking for solutions in the wrong places. "Laws do not deter crime; they only punish the criminal. To cure anything, you need to first address the cause. So, we need to talk to our boys if we want to prevent the crimes in the first place," she tells TOI.

If boys grow up with a healthy respect for the other gender, they will not even think, let alone behave, in an inappropriate manner, says parenting coach Pallavi Rao Chaturvedi who stresses the need for parents to start educating their sons from early on. "It is not a button you switch on when your son is a six-foot-tall teenager. If you want your son to treat girls well, protect them and not be a perpetrator of crime, start teaching them when they are five years old," she says.

PAMPERED BOY SYNDROME

Experts believe one of the first changes parents need to make at home is to treat their sons and daughters as equals. On Wednesday, Bombay High Court, which was hearing a suo motu case of the sexual abuse of two four-year-old girls at a Badlapur school, observed that we should tell boys what's right and wrong rather than always telling girls what to do. The court further stated that "male chauvinism" persists and that nothing would change till children are taught about equality.

Primlani, who has been using somatic therapy to rehabilitate rape victims and rapists, says she has found that one of the factors that leads to boys thinking they are the superior gender and acting disrespectfully towards women is over-pampering, adding that Indians tend to be too lenient with their kids, especially boys. "I was with an American friend recently and saw that when his son climbed on his back and put his arms around the dad's neck just the way one does for piggyback rides, he immediately reprimanded him. He told him that the neck is a sensitive area and that he needs to be careful," she says. "I have seen children in India doing horrible things and their parents just saying 'koi nahi, bacha hai' (he's just a kid)". That's a very dangerous upbringing."

Researchers have long been linking India's deep-rooted patriarchy and notions of masculinity to the high incidence of crimes against women. Sivakumar recalls how a student at a government arts college in Coimbatore told her that the boys in the class told them not to laugh loudly as it was unladylike. "I was shocked by the mindset these boys had," she says, adding that college-goers tend to romanticise "violent, passionate and possessive kind of love" and blames movies like 'Kabir Singh' and 'Animal' for perpetuating this trend.

EARLY EXPOSURE TO PORN

Easy and early access to porn is another concern, experts say. Studies have found that more than 75% of child abusers and rapists had early exposure to porn or violent media, often before the age of 10. "I think parents don't realise that when they give access to phones what all the kids end up watching. I have heard a third grader talking about porn. One of my grade seven kids told me about Andrew Tate (a self-proclaimed misogynist influencer who has been charged with rape) and his huge fan following. I asked him if the fact that he has a huge following makes his views right. Fortunately, the boy said 'no, it doesn't make them right'," she says, adding that parents should monitor the content kids watch.

CONSENT EDUCATION

Indian parents are so shy to even mention the word 'sex' in front of their children that talking about consent is out of question. Sexuality educator Anju Kish, who has been holding workshops in schools for 10 years, says our biggest failure as a society is not taking consent education seriously. "Consent is the foundation of all healthy relationships. Teaching this simple concept could possibly prevent countless sexual assaults and empower an entire generation," she says.

During her workshops, Kish reminds students that they need consent not only for sexual situations, but at every point in their daily lives, be it for borrowing a friend's pencil, hugging someone or sharing a classmate's photo online. "After one workshop, a father approached me, visibly moved. He said he had always taught his daughter to be careful but never thought to teach his son about respecting boundaries," says Kish.

Though non-governmental organisations and individuals like Kish have been trying to impart sexuality and consent education, their reach is limited. That's why experts believe consent education should be made part of the school curriculum and every parent must make it a priority at home too. "Biology lessons cover reproduction and school counsellors talk to kids about unsafe touch but we are not teaching kids, especially boys, to be sensitive and kind to fellow beings."

Chaturvedi feels "such lessons in humanity" should be mandatory so boys respect boundaries and don't forcibly kiss their girlfriends or slap a girl's bottom at a bar.

LEARNING TO ACCEPT NO

The countless cases of spurned men raping and murdering girls — an engineering student from Lucknow was raped in a moving vehicle last week by a college senior whose advances she rejected — also reiterate the need to teach boys to take 'no' for an answer. Harish Sadani, founder of MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse) which has been working to sensitise boys in urban and rural areas, says men are unable to handle rejection because these 'raja betas' have never heard no when they were growing up. "If a man has never heard no in his regular interactions at home, it becomes a big deal and hurts his ego if a girl rejects him," he says.

Primlani says parents should make it a point to say no to kids sometimes and also explain why they are saying no so kids understand reasoning and rationale and learn to be reasonable when they grow up.

DON'T BE DADDY COOL

Parenting experts say dads should be particularly mindful of the example they are setting for their sons. In a bid to have the cool dad vibe and to bond with their sons, dads often end up saying things like "this is your age to explore" or bragging about the multiple girlfriends they had when they were younger (even if it is not true) which sets the wrong goals for boys. "You are dating girls, not collecting them. Girls are not things to be collected so there is nothing to brag about. It is not an ego thing," says Primlani.

Chaturvedi agrees. "How a man treats his wife, female neighbours and even maids at home, leaves an impression on his son's mind. Even bitching about your female boss or saying that the colleague who got promoted over you must have slept her way up is not cool. Using sexist language has become very casual — men crack jokes not realising they are influencing the next generation," she says.

Dads who want their sons to grow up to be good men and good partners (a significant proportion of the crimes against women involve cruelty by the husband) who think and behave with sensitivity and kindness, should be good role models, says Sadani.

WE NEED TO PROTECT BOYS TOO

Rape rehabilitation expert Vasu Primlani says girls will not be safe if we don't protect our boys. A significant percentage of sexual offenders are men who have faced abuse (physical, mental, sexual) when they were kids, according to a study done by University of Colorado in 2008. "When a child's first exposure to sex is rape then rape becomes normalised as sex for them," she says. "We know that the rapist caused the rape, but we also need to ask ourselves what caused the rapist?" Primlani believes just like parents protect their girls, they should protect their boys too. "We need to have the same conversations about safety with our boys as well."

WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY TO YOUR SON WHEN HE IS STEPPING OUT....

When a girl is going out, her parents issue multiple instructions to ensure she stays safe. But when boys step out, most parents just say "Bye, have fun." Parenting coach **Pallavi Rao Chaturvedi** says it is time we change this to make the world a safer place. She suggests some lines boy parents can use

- Don't stare at girls on the street or at college or pass comments on how they look. How would you feel if someone does the same to you or your sister? You may compliment a female friend in a respectful way ('You are looking lovely') but commenting on a girl you don't know is not right
- Have a good day at the office or school, but know that there will be girls who will do better than you and rise faster than you. It's fine. There is no need to be angry. Accept it gracefully
- Going on a date? Remember, just because a girl has agreed to go out for dinner or drinks with you does not mean she is okay to kiss or be intimate. Consent is critical!
- Drop her home safely and ensure you are respectful and responsible
- I know you like that girl and she doesn't like you back. It's ok...move on. You can't force someone to feel love. She has a right to have her own choices. Don't take it as a personal rejection. Accept it, we are here for you
- Late-night party with girls? Please ensure you boys behave, be responsible for the girls' safety and make sure you get them home safely. Keep all emergency numbers handy
- Set the right example for your friends and don't hesitate in standing up for what is right

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WHERE PARENTS ARE GOING WRONG...

- Maintaining an information blackout about the body and sexuality leads to stigma and a sense of shame. It also discourages a healthy relationship with one's own body
- Some parents become physically or verbally violent when boys express questions with regards to sexuality and changes in their body
- When parents and educators mete out violent punishments, boys learn violent behaviour and also the idea of revenge which feeds into a culture of violence
- Discouraging mixed gender friendships and scaring kids of different genders away from each other

WHAT THEY CAN DO...

- Refrain from raising your hand. Kids learn from what they see, so show them love, kindness and care
- Don't brush off questions. Help your sons navigate their curiosities and confusions about the different things they hear and learn from different people. Answer them if they ask about the current protests or the meaning of sexual violence or rape
- Be the trusted adult they can approach and have open discussions with. Use age-appropriate, gentle and safe approach so they don't feel scared

Source: The Gender Lab which runs a 'Redefining Masculinities' programme for adolescent boys at schools for kids of middle and low income families in Mumbai and Haryana

'We need to change the mindset that one can either study or play sport. Kids shouldn't have to choose'

*Two-time Olympian boxer **Akhil Kumar** was a force in the ring as he would stun opponents with his all-out attacks and open-guard style. At home, however, the 43-year-old is a softie who can't say no to his 12-year-old daughter Shambhavi. In an interview to **Neha Bhayana**, the Commonwealth Games gold medalist and Arjuna awardee weighs in on the sports versus studies debate*

■ You are posted in Jhajjar, Haryana, as assistant commissioner of police and your wife (former boxer Poonam Beniwal) works at the Sports Authority of India in Delhi while your daughter stays with her maternal grandparents in Hisar. How do you stay connected to her despite the distance?

I call up Shambhavi first thing every morning to talk to her, even if it is just for a few seconds. We often chat or FaceTime in the evenings too. We miss her and she misses us but we know her nana-nani are bringing her up very well. Her mausi also stays nearby and she has a daughter too, so Shambhavi has good company. On weekends, my wife and I rush to Hisar to spend time with her. She is my laadli. If we are unable to go, she visits us with her nana. We make sure to meet her every weekend. I also run a boxing club in Hisar so that's another reason why I go there at every given opportunity.

■ Is Shambhavi into sports? Has she tried boxing?

She tries out sports, but she is not into any particular sport as of now. She is moody. Her maama (uncle) is a tennis player. He has represented India at international matches. She likes to play tennis with him sometimes. I encourage her but I don't force her to pursue sports. I have never made her try boxing. She is a delicate girl. I have suffered a lot of injuries and can't bear the thought of her getting hurt. I also want her to focus on studies. I feel that education is extremely important. I feel bad that I didn't study much. There is a Sanskrit saying that goes 'Vidyadhan sarvadharm-pradhanam' (the wealth of knowledge is the most precious wealth) — this is very true. It is very important to be educated. No matter how many medals you win in life, it is your education that helps you in the long run. Whether you do engineering, MA or a PhD is your choice; it does not matter. But one must study. My wife was a college topper and an international-level boxer. I wish I had studied more too.

> **People who are asking why India didn't get more gold medals at Olympics should be asked how many kids they have put in sports**

■ Most Indian parents stress on studies and scores rather than on sports. They pull their kids out of sports classes when the exams are approaching. What's your take?

In our country, people think one can either study or play sports. But it does not have to be an either-or choice. There are several cricketers like Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble who are highly educated and also successful players. There were seven women scientists participating in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Parents should encourage both sports and studies equally. At some point, you will be able to identify what is best suited for your child. Sometimes, parents see that a child is interested in a sport and has the skills to excel but they discourage him and ask him to focus on studies instead. That is foolishness. We should not break a child's rhythm and try to put him in something which is not his passion. If I know my daughter will be good in a certain sport, I will encourage her to pursue that sport. I will not tell her to do MBA or become a doctor. At the same time, I will not let her quit studies altogether. She can study even while training. On the other hand, if I see my child is fabulous with calculations or writing and struggling on the field, I will push her to study more. But I will also make her play games for the sake of staying fit and having fun too. Balance is important. We need to change the mindset that one can either study or play a sport. Both are possible. Just like in school there are different periods for science, painting and languages, we should schedule home-time too. Parents should set aside at least 30 minutes a day for sports. That way the child will stay fit and healthy too.

■ Most Indian parents don't consider sports a viable career option as the career span is short and earning opportunities are limited, especially for non-cricketers. Is that changing?

I think sports have become a good career option now. The tide started turning in 1996 when Leander Paes won a medal at the Atlanta Olympics. Then, we performed well at the Commonwealth Games at Melbourne in 2006 (India won 49 medals). In the 2008 Beijing Olympics too, Abhinav Bindra bagged a gold while Sushil Kumar and Vijender Singh won bronze medals, making our country proud. I had won a gold at the Commonwealth Games and a bronze at the World Cup in Moscow in 2008. We all got good prize money. Our demand increased and we kind of got celebrity status. People started calling us for events. Newspapers were writing about us. Politicians and actors also took note of us. I also got a job in the police force via sports quota. I think sports is the healthiest profession to pursue. This is the only profession where you can earn money while taking care of your body too. People working at desks all day end up with cervical issues and lifestyle diseases.

■ Do you believe in being a friend to your child?

I do. My daughter calls me Akhil, not papa, and I like it that way. She addresses her mom too by first name. We don't pressure her to call us mom-dad. I have mostly lived away from home thanks to my postings, so I do indulge her. But yes, there are times when I act like a father. Where she needs a friend, I am her friend and when it is required, I become her dad. If she is creating a fuss in the morning and wants to skip school, her nani calls me and asks me to talk to her. I motivate her and convince her to attend school. I make it a point to keep the communication going between us. I make it a point to ask her if she is facing any issues with any girl, any boy or any teacher. I give her the liberty to tell me anything. When I am in Hisar, I make it a point to drop her to school. We skip bus that day. It makes me happy to spend time with her.

■ What do you and Shambhavi like to do in your free time?

We both are foodies. We indulge in tasty and healthy home-made food and occasional treats. She also loves going shopping with me because I don't say no to her.

■ You were reckoned to be an aggressive boxer. You seem very different in the ring of life?

Marriage and fatherhood changed me. I realised my responsibility towards my family.

■ Many have been talking about how India got no gold medals at the Paris Olympics despite having a huge population of 1.4 billion. What, according to you, is the reason for our under-performance in the international sporting arena?

Anyone who asks why India isn't winning more medals or producing more sportspersons, should first tell us how many sportspersons are there in their family. How many children have you dedicated to sports? If you don't want to put your children in sports, then you don't have a right to ask this question.

> **We don't pressure her to call us mom-dad. Where she needs a friend, I am her friend and when it is required, I become her dad**

■ What values do you wish to teach your daughter?

I always tell her that commitment is very important. If you give your word to somebody, you must keep it. Secondly, I stress on punctuality. I feel it is very important to be on time. Indians do not value time. That's not a good thing. I have an alarm in my body. I always reach on time. When I am invited for an event, I tell the organisers to give me the exact time they need me. I don't like to waste my time or anyone else's.

■ Kids spend a lot of time bent over their screens rather than playing in the gullies these days. Are you strict about screen time?

I have not made any rule regarding screen time. It is in our blood now and we have all become very dependent on mobiles. When we wake up, the first thing we do is check the phone to turn off the alarm and see if some important message or email has come. When we are so hooked to the phone, how can we tell our kids to not use the screen? That's being hypocritical. Excessive use of the screen is a problem but we can't escape it. If we, adults, forget our phone at home even one day, we get extremely restless. We struggle because most of us don't even remember phone numbers of family members now. Even when we are on a field playing a sport, we use the stopwatch on the phone. It has become an essential part of our life. If we want to keep kids away from phones, we will have to stay away from them. We can't lecture them while holding our own phone. My daughter does not have her own phone yet, but she does take her nani's phone and uses it. I remind her to limit screen time and use a laptop instead whenever possible.

■ What is the best part of parenting?

The tears, the tantrums, the smiles... everything about parenting is the best. Another thing is that it makes us realise how much our own parents have done for us. It is only when we become parents that we get to know how many sleepless nights our parents must have spent in raising us. It makes us value our elders more.

■ You are on the panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency and have been raising awareness about the perils of drug addiction. What made you support this cause?

By falling into drug addiction, the youth are ruining their lives. As an athlete, I feel concerned. I advise young athletes to steer clear of substances. I believe that if we want to end the drug menace in society, we must encourage sports. People turn towards things like drugs when they are alone or when they are low. If one is into sports, all the negative energy is released when one practises. When you have played all evening, you get so exhausted; you just hit the bed and fall asleep at night. One gets such sound sleep after playing. Sports not only makes one fitter, it makes one a better human being. Swami Vivekananda had advised people to play football before reading the Gita. A sound mind resides in a healthy body. Addiction is a terrible thing. Smoking, drinking and drugs are not cool; they make us lose our senses. I tell young people that if you want to get hooked on something, get hooked to the pursuit of winning gold medals. Do something for your country.

UPS not a retreat from NPS but a step forward

SWAMINOMICS

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As India's population ages, pensions have become important political issues. Rahul Gandhi and the INDIA bloc had campaigned during the general election for abolishing the New Pension System (NPS) enacted in 2004 and returning to the Old Pension System (OPS). So, when the govt last week shifted to a Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), many claimed that because of its reduced parliamentary majority, BJP could no longer assert itself as before and, hence, had to retreat.

To call this a victory for Rahul Gandhi, the strongest proponent of OPS, would be a mistake. The fundamentals of NPS remain intact, and UPS merely provides a minimum guarantee that pensions will be at least 50% of last-drawn salary. This is a desirable improvement, but not a retreat. It is a victory for good sense and a defeat for a labour 'revdi'.

OPS provided civil servants a pension of 50% of last-drawn pay, indexed to inflation. Across the world, such a 'defined pension' has proved to be a recipe for long-run bankruptcy. In due course, it threatened to raise pensions to exorbitant levels, crowding out other programmes benefiting all citizens, not just civil servants. So, govts across the globe have shifted to pensions based on 'defined contributions' by civil servants.

In defined benefit schemes like OPS, no corpus of funds was created to ensure a stream of income that would suffice to pay future pensions. Current taxpayers were supposed to finance current pensions. This would be sustainable if there were plenty of youngsters to replace retirees. But the world over, fertility rates have fallen below replacement rate. After a few decades, there will not be enough young workers to finance the pensions of retirees. Pensions may exceed the govt's entire salary bill.

In 1990-91, the Centre's pension bill was Rs 3,272 crore, and the states' bill was Rs 3,131 crore. By 2020-21, the Centre's bill had jumped 58 times to Rs 1,90,886 crore, and the states' bill 125 times to Rs 3,86,001 crore.

NPS aimed to end this march into the fiscal abyss. It applied to those joining service from 2004 onwards. The defined contribution was 10% of salary and dearness allowance, plus a govt contribution of 14%.

By investing part of this contribution in stock markets, NPS aimed to ensure a good pension for retiring employees even while reducing the budgetary burden.

This was good economic sense. But the labour aristocracy resented the deduction of 10% of salary towards pensions. It sought to benefit at the cost of posterity, a la Groucho Marx who famously said, 'Why should I care about posterity? What did posterity ever do for me?"

EYE ON VOTES: Congress' targeting of NPS seems to be motivated by politics rather than financial wisdom

Congress was perfectly happy to implement NPS when it was in office from 2004 to 2014. Its Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, eulogised the NPS as a landmark in good budgeting.

But after BJP won the 20014 and 2019 election with massive majorities, Rahul Gandhi looked around desperately for policies that might win votes, and decided to target NPS. He said it was unfair to employees, and demanded a return to OPS. Indeed, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, then Congress-ruled, implemented OPS in 2022-23.

This was widely criticised as fiscal folly. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Planning Commission deputy chairman, declared, "Bringing back the old pension scheme is one of the biggest revdis that are now being invented."

So, both Manmohan Singh and Montek Singh Ahluwalia, the two most distinguished economists in the Congress govt, were fervent supporters of NPS. Did Rahul give any explanation for overruling these two economists? No, he simply switched policies in search of votes of civil servants.

Did he actually get more votes when the two states went to the polls again in 2023? No, Congress was thrashed in both places. And yet the party continues to press for the same policy.

A recent RBI study found that a shift to OPS from 2023 onward would initially provide a small, temporary relief to state govts. But the additional pension burden would soon mount and eventually cost a spectacular 450% of the NPS burden. There cannot be a stronger indictment of such a short-sighted policy.

However, NPS had some flaws. One was that it did not guarantee a minimum pension. In Chile, a pioneer in 'defined contributions', the actual pensions turned out to be far less than promised, leading to protests and abandonment of the scheme. Chile also made the mistake of not providing a govt contribution to supplement employees' contribution. UPS avoids both those errors. It will cost a bit more than NPS to begin with, but that is worthwhile.

UPS retains the key feature of NPS, having a defined contribution. So, calling it a retreat is wrong. It is a step forward. ■

Time to clean up film industry. After all, cinema is a reflection of society

*For two decades, Kerala-born documentary filmmaker **Miriam Chandy Menacherry** has been capturing stories of the marginalised. Recently, she won Best Director at the National Film Awards for her documentary 'From the Shadows'. She spoke to **Shruti Sonal** about why she focused on child trafficking survivors and the recent expose about conditions in the Malayalam film industry*

FOR THE RECORD

■ Why do you call 'From the Shadows' your toughest film?

It took me six years to make as I was navigating survivor stories and their legal battles for justice. One of the survivors was always terrified of being followed, thinking acid would be flung at her face because it had happened with her friend. I brought on board an all-woman crew to make it a safe space. We took our lead from Leena Kejriwal and Hasina Kharbhih, activists fighting the cases. But still there were nights I would wake up in a cold sweat. I had kept shooting for over four years and felt the end of my film would be the court verdict. But when that was elusive, and my survivor told me I would have to conceal her face as the case was sub judice, I felt the canvas of my film collapsing. It was a huge challenge to tell her story without her facial expressions. Luckily, I got a fellowship that allowed me to go through my material calmly and decide that I could still tell the story. Then, Covid struck, and the film took another two years. It finally premiered in August 2022.

■ Your documentaries often focus on those on the margins of society. What draws you to these stories?

I am drawn to 'invisible stories', ordinary people with extraordinary stories that can touch our lives if only we step into their shoes. Whether it's a rat killer in Mumbai who works as the city sleeps to meet his target in 'The Rat Race', or a stuntman who takes dangerous risks for stars without any public recognition in 'The Stuntmen of Bollywood', these are the stories I like to visibilise. There is a common thread too — they are social issues intersecting with popular culture.

■ Could you tell us about your project on Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), which is challenging the rules of the male-dominated Malayalam film industry?

Though I live in Mumbai now, I am from Kerala and have grown up watching Malayalam films. When WCC was formed, many of them were faces I respected as a filmmaker. I felt it was very significant that this coalition of women producers, directors, writers and film technicians had come together. We must remember that this even preceded the #MeToo movement in the West by a few weeks. My research will include the ripple effect of this movement in the rest of the country, as well as parallel movements in Hollywood. I have been conducting interviews, going on sets, and diving into film archives to dig up images and stories that reframe gender in cinema history, or rather 'her story'.

■ The Hema Committee report, based on the WCC petition, says sexual exploitation is "rampant" in the Malayalam film industry. Your thoughts?

The assault case of a popular Malayalam actor in 2017 in Kerala sent shockwaves through the industry due to its brazen brutality, the way it was filmed and the profile of the people involved. It was a hard-fought battle to get the findings of the Hema Committee report out in the public domain. Not only did WCC ensure the survivor's case was registered and heard, many actors also came out to share their own terrifying experiences that have been documented by Justice Hema in the report. It was a long-standing demand that these findings be shared to clean up the industry, end casting couch culture, and provide safe spaces for women. Cinema is, after all, a reflection of society. Creating a safe environment for women will ensure wider participation and fresher narratives that will benefit generations to come.

■ You dedicated your award to women fighting for justice in the R G Kar rape case. What about the protests resonated with you?

I haven't been able to post about the National Award yet as I find myself completely paralysed by what happened in Kolkata, so close to where 'From the Shadows' began for me. Before Kolkata, there has been Unnao, Hathras, Delhi…the number of incidents and the brutality is staggering. It's time we reflect and take decisive steps. I believe Kolkata will make the difference. I have deep admiration for the resilience of women in the city. Durga is the chief deity there, and I see that warrior-goddess spirit in the women of Kolkata. That's why I have evoked Durga Puja as a clarion call for change in my film as well.

■ Indian documentaries have gained much recognition globally. Has that changed things in terms of viewership and funding?

International recognition has brought about a real hunger for documentaries in India. Sadly, while our films are getting screened and distributed internationally, we are yet to have the right distribution in India. 'From the Shadows' got two grants from the US to do grassroots screenings in areas where we had shot the film. These included the Sundarbans where we ferried the projector and screens, right up to India's porous North-Eastern borders in Shillong and Siliguri. Another grant helped us roll out a screening plan in neighbouring Nepal and Bangladesh, where there is rampant cross border trafficking. This is a completely different strategy than my other films, which first travelled internationally before they came home to India.

Not just a Kerala story. Hema Committee report a wake-up call for Indian cinema

POLITICALLY INCORRECT

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Everyone was talking about how Mollywood had got its mojo back. Riding on the spectacular success of movies like 'Manjummel Boys', 'Aavesham' and 'Premalu', the Malayalam industry had hit the Rs 1,000-crore mark at the worldwide box office in 2024. But the jubilation was short lived. Today, dark clouds hang over it as the Justice K Hema Committee report has exposed the rampant misconduct of men who control the murky world of films in Kerala.

This powerful lobby exerts almost total control over the lives of female actors and technicians via demands for sexual favours for work, diktats, bans and worse. Women who resisted were instantly blacklisted and boycotted. Ironically, the 498-memeber Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) is almost equally represented by men and women. But it's run like a despotic boys' club. After the outrage, the influential executive committee headed by legendary superstar Mohanlal was hastily dissolved with all 17 members resigning "on moral grounds". Stories of rampant sexual abuse chronicled in the report led to widespread protests. More allegations emerged from victims forced into silence out of fear of repercussions.

The report was submitted to the Kerala govt in 2019. For four and a half years, nothing happened. It was callously buried. Zero action taken. It was only after a high court directive that the report was made public. All of a sudden, the very men complicit in the multiple crimes against female colleagues are talking of 'moral responsibility' — a last-ditch face-saving effort to cover up for those who used clout and pressure to control the very people whose interests they were meant to protect. The atmosphere in Mollywood is vitiated, with women struggling to be heard by an all-male lobby mocking their concerns about safety.

The Women in Cinema Collective came into being after the inaction of AMMA members in a 2017 rape case. It was a courageous fightback for justice but in reality, the same women faced further discrimination and were ostracised for speaking up to expose the rot. Getting away with abducting and allegedly raping a female actor sent out a strong signal that fighting the system would lead to more frustration and exclusion.

Now that names have been named, there is a faint glimmer of hope that change will follow. What sort of change? And for how long? A genuine change of heart is too much to hope for as the men in Mollywood lick their wounds for now and wait to regroup.

The rest of India has always believed Malayali women are strong, alpha females nobody dares to mess with. With shallow knowledge about cultural dynamics, over-generalisations abound with loose references to 'matriarchy' and feminism in Kerala. The Hema Committee report has blown the lid off similar misconceptions with one giant strike that has badly dented Mollywood's stature.

It's easy to argue that this debacle is not exclusively a Malayalam cinema problem. Abuse and exploitation of women is widespread wherever cinema exists. Bollywood's brief attempt at a clean-up during the #MeToo movement died as quickly as it began. Kolkata and Kannada film industries have endured their share as well. There is no quick fix. But a dam has finally been broken, and the floodwaters are going to claim victims. Is it the sole responsibility of various bodies representing the film industry in India to address the crisis? Shouldn't the govt take serious note of these gross violations and act swiftly? The report has recommended thorough probe of each case, and stricter measures like a tribunal that addresses women's concerns.

The Malayalam film industry needs to introspect on what derailed it in the first place. In fact, the movie business across the country needs a serious reboot. A few prominent superstars from South India have spoken up and condemned the sordid goings on in Mollywood. So far, Bollywood heroes have remained silent, as if what happens in Kerala is none of their business. But it is! It's the same fraternity. Women artistes and actors are soft targets, no matter which state they belong to. Shouldn't Bollywood wake up, too?

Something seminal needs to urgently shift for this messy Kerala story to have the happy ending it deserves. ■

Free speech battles show why balance of power needs reset

BY INVITATION

NIKHIL PAHWA

A perfect storm is brewing in the world of internet platforms: in the last 10 days, Pavel Durov, the founder of messaging app Telegram, has been arrested in France; in Brazil, a judge has banned X (formerly Twitter) after it refused to comply with orders, and in the middle of a hotly contested election in the US, Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg has disclosed pressure from the Biden-Harris administration to censor content.

Durov's arrest is for running an online platform that allows users to conduct illicit transactions, drug trafficking, money laundering and fraud, share images of child sex abuse, and the refusal to share information with authorities.

In Brazil, a Supreme Court judge has banned X after the platform removed its legal representative tasked with handling judicial orders. This follows Judge de Moraes' directive to remove accounts allegedly linked to far-right activists and Bolsonaro supporters. X owner Elon Musk, who labelled de Moraes a 'Brazil's Darth Vader', is pushing back against de Moraes, citing freedom of speech. Telegram was similarly threatened with blocking in Brazil earlier, following which it hired a local representative. In the past, WhatsApp has been blocked in the country.

Zuckerberg has written about pressure from US officials to censor certain Covid-19 posts, including satire, and admitted that Meta wrongly demoted a New York Post story about Hunter Biden before the 2020 election.

These developments highlight the tension of 'safe harbour', a legal principle on the basis of which platforms are treated as mere messengers and absolved of the activities of their users, even though they retain the right to moderate when needed. This creates challenges for govts, which leverage issues such as the usage of platforms for illegal activity and inability to conduct surveillance and gather evidence, as reasons for disempowering platforms, and enabling surveillance of our private messages. Platforms are also rife with disinformation and the co-ordinated slow poisoning of society. However, illegal activity typically forms a minority of billions of messages and content that platforms carry every day.

This is further complicated by jurisdictional anomalies between countries. What is free speech in one country isn't in another: it might be illegal to support the LGBTQI movement in Saudi Arabia, but not in India. All govts operate on a spectrum of authoritarianism; in some countries, courts and even supreme courts, are politically compromised. The freedom to conduct and coordinate political activities is just as important as being able to discuss your medical problem with a loved one over WhatsApp or share your location with a friend, privately. At the same time, we run the risk of platforms acting politically, whether by choice or via govt pressure, to surveil users or suppress certain speech. It is clear that platform decisions are susceptible to pressure and may not always act in the best interest of society.

WARNING MESSAGE: Telegram founder Pavel Durov's arrest shows how govts are empowering themselves against platforms but that is fraught with risks too

Govts, including in the EU, US and India with its IT Rules 2021 and the proposed Digital India Act, are empowering themselves against platforms. There has been judicial overreach with courts ordering blocking of content extra-territorially, in India and New Zealand. In the balance of power between govts, platforms and users, the equation keeps shifting between govt and platforms, with users having little power because of lack of accountability of both parties. In India, for example, the govt exercises secretive censorship under Section 69A of the IT Act with impunity, accountable only to itself.

Just as we cannot risk allowing platforms too much power, we also cannot allow govts too much power over them. The carriers of our speech need to be protected as enablers of speech, but we also need protection from their unilateral actions. This becomes tricky, especially in the US, where the Supreme Court has pushed back against attempts at regulating the platform's ability to moderate and prioritise content, saying that these actions may be protected as an exercise of free speech.

There is no single or comprehensive solution to this problem. As the balance of power keeps shifting between govts and platforms, there will be unintended consequences, and calculated omissions and commissions from both. To empower users, and tilt the balance of power towards them, we need to regulate those with power. An establishment of principles at a global level might help address jurisdictional overreach, and ring-fence decisions by courts. There needs to be a rule-based and unambiguous approach towards regulating speech on platforms, rooted in transparency and accountability, to close the gap between responsibility and accountability of both platforms and governments.

Given the billions of users on online platforms, we will have more moments of reckoning for freedom of speech; we need to ensure that these aren't used to disempower legal speech and our privacy. ■

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INBOX

Lessons to be learnt from Paris Olympics

Apropos of Chetan Bhagat's column 'After this dismal…' (Aug 25), post-Tokyo Olympics, the entire nation was hopeful of doing better this time in Paris, which did not happen. I think we need to study and adopt the sports model followed by successful nations in the Olympics. In order to identify and attract talents at a younger age, a concrete welfare policy is needed. We should focus more on those disciplines where we already have some promising talents and capabilities at the international stage.

— Subir Mahanta, Mumbai

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Apropos of 'After this dismal…' (ATM, Aug 25), the columnist has taken an extreme view regarding India's Paris performance. While we have a lot of catching up to do in cultivating a sports culture, the fact that our players have started winning on the big stage is a cause for optimism and acts as a catalyst for those who show promise. Besides pumping money into the ecosystem, if political meddling in sports is stopped, it'll do a world of good.

— Vijai Pant, Hempur

Walking the tightrope

This refers to 'Ukraine: India does…' (ATM, Aug 25). Modi's visit to Ukraine is a deliberate effort to restore the equilibrium as India continues to walk the tight rope between Moscow and Kyiv. It must also be seen as correcting a long skewed foreign policy in favour of Russia, at the expense of countries of Central Europe like Poland and Ukraine.

— Vipul Pande, Nainital

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Rift over quota subclassification may erode Dalit-Bahujan unity

BY INVITATION

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Indian jurisprudence on reservations has traditionally taken a narrow view, often framing special provisions as exceptions to the equality code (Articles 14, 15(1), and 16(1)) or merely enabling provisions and not as its integral element. This approach has led to reservations being seen as a trade-off with efficiency or a poverty alleviation measure rather than as a means of ensuring efficiency through diversity.

The Supreme Court's ruling on Aug 1 in the State of Punjab vs. Davinder Singh case, which addressed subclassification within the SC/ST category, reflects this limited understanding of social justice. While the ruling correctly acknowledges the heterogeneity within SC/ST groups and upholds the validity of subclassification, it also introduces the idea of applying the creamy layer principle to SC/ST reservations — a concept previously limited to OBC reservations. This ruling has received mixed responses from the SC/ST community, with strong opposition to introducing the creamy layer principle. Regarding subclassification, the ruling is not binding on states but serves as an enabling provision, allowing states to subclassify based on sound data, subject to judicial review.

IRONY: Arguments of vanguard SC/ST castes echo those traditionally made by forward castes against quotas

Relatively less disadvantaged and vanguard SC/ST castes — like Mahars, Chamars, Jatavs, Dusadh, etc.— have predictably opposed subclassification, citing concerns like social unity, merit, lack of data, upskilling and economic packages instead of sub-quota, proper implementation of quotas first, reservation in the private sector, political power as the priority. They also see it as a RSS-BJP ploy to divide SC/STs. Some of these arguments echo those traditionally made by forward castes against reservations. The Aug 21 Bharat Bandh against the ruling was primarily supported by intellectuals, parties and associations from UP, Bihar, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, dominated by the vanguard SC/ST castes. Leaders like Mayawati, Chandrashekhar Azad, Chirag Paswan, Prakash Ambedkar, Ramdas Athavale strongly backed the bandh.

In contrast, the most disadvantaged SC castes— such as the Valmikis, Madigas, Arunthatiyars, Man, Musahar, Hela, Bansphor, Dhanuk, Dom, etc. — largely stayed away from the bandh, particularly in South India (TN, Andhra, Karnataka, Telangana), where the debate on sub-categorisation is more advanced. These groups have challenged the idea of a unified SC/ST category without internal justice as a sham, viewing demands for a caste census and other arguments as preconditions as tactics to maintain the status quo. They argue that data on representation in public employment and education already exists, at least in raw form, as SC/ST quota beneficiaries must provide caste certificates mentioning their jati. Several commissions have studied and endorsed the subclassification demand. The organic demand for it can be traced back to Punjab in the 1970s, gaining momentum through organisations like the Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi from the 1990s onwards, indicating that this cannot be dismissed as political manipulation alone.

The most contentious aspect of the ruling is the extension of the creamy layer principle. Interestingly, the creamy layer was not among the issues in the Davinder Singh case or the Indra Sawhney vs. Union of India case (1992), where the nine-member bench had ruled that the creamy layer principle would only apply to OBCs, not SCs/STs. Despite this, a seven-judge bench has advocated for applying the creamy layer principle to SC/ST reservations, raising concerns among those who see it as undermining the purpose of reservations. Law minister Arjun Meghwal has clarified that the creamy layer doesn't apply to the SC/ST quota. However, the recent judgment has brought the applicability of this principle to the SC/ST category within the horizon of possibility.

Reservations are meant to ensure representation and voice for marginalised groups in decision-making spaces, not merely as a tool for poverty alleviation or employment generation. Applying the creamy layer principle, particularly to Class A jobs — the critical decision-making sector — could defeat the purpose of reservations. It pits high-caste officers with generational privileges and cultural capital against first-generation OBC officers, often edging out the latter from influential positions. This diminishes their 'voice' in policy making. Ambedkar had said, "Education is the milk of the tigress. Once you have drunk it, you cannot but roar." Excluding the most educated OBCs from reservations reduces their stake in the OBC category, weakening their mobilisation compared to SC/ST groups. This exclusion turns the OBC category into a 'headless tigress', explaining why OBC articulations and mobilisations are weaker than SC/STs.

The vanguard castes should be reflexive and accept evidence-based subclassification while seeking broader Bahujan solidarities on other issues like caste census, removing 50% cap on quotas, creamy layer provision, increasing diversity in the private sector, and so on. However, if they persist in resisting it, it could erode their legitimacy without altering the SC's decision, as coalition partners like JDU and TDP support sub-categorisation, making any constitutional amendment unlikely. But parochial caste interests can blind. ■

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NEUFC lift maiden Durand title

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Kolkata: In the end, it was a triumph NorthEast United FC seemed to have stolen straight from the page of Mohun Bagan's script. It was history for them, their cup of joy --- pure, maiden and magical. It was their goalkeeper Gurmeet Singh's turn to do a Vishal Kaith, pulling off two saves in the shootout to seal the deal. It was a what-could-have-been moment for Mohun Bagan SG as well.

NorthEast United lifted the Durand Cup --- their first trophy since their birth in Indian football a decade ago --- dramatically beating Mohun Bagan 4-3 in penalty shootout after coming back from 0-2 goal down to hold the defending champions 2-2 in regulation time at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

And how the Highlanders flourished on a stage which Mohun Bagan seemed to have made a part of their survival gene in this tournament. And how Bagan's art of escapology failed to bear fruit in the most decisive stage of the tournament. In the back-to-back knockout matches leading to the final, Jose Molina's green-and-maroon brigade made it a habit of surviving against the odds, clawing their way back from the jaws of death against Punjab FC and Bengaluru FC before seeing goalkeeper Vishal Kaith rising to the occasion and keeping his team afloat with two crucial in the penalty shootout on both occasions.

The script underwent a complete change in the final. It was Mohun Bagan who claimed a 2-0 goal lead thanks to Jason Cummings' penalty in the 11th minute and Sahal Abdul Samad's first goal of the season four minutes into the first half injury time. Until then, it was smooth sailing for Mohun Bagan and their march to Durand Cup title No. 18 looked like theirs to lose. But NEUFC turned the game on its head in a second-half resuscitation. Their coach Benali's introduction of Guillermo Fernandez and Louis Macarton paid off handsomely as the Highlanders took the wind out of Bagan's sails with two goals in a span of three minutes.

Rubina adds bronze to shooters' medal hunt

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Pune: Rubina Francis added one more medal to India's tally in Paris. The shooter clinched bronze in the women's 10m air pistol event (SH1) category in the Paralympic Games on Saturday. Rubina had finished seventh in Tokyo three years ago. Rubina shot 211.1 and edged out Tokyo Paralympic Games silver medallist Aysegul Pehlivanlar of Turkey to win the third position in her second Paralympic participation.

Iran's Sareh Javanmardi (236.8) won in Paris for the second successive gold. Turkey's Aysel Ozgan settled with the silver at 231.1. Jabalpur-based Rubina (556 points) qualified for the final in seventh place. "This medal brings a lot of satisfaction since I really worked hard for it. I didn't have a good qualification round as I was seventh to qualify for the final. I spoke to my coach after the qualification round and also kept eye-contact with him during the final. He helped me feel relaxed and told me to just focus on my routine and it worked," Rubina, 25, told **TOI** after her match.

HITTING HER MARK: Rubina poses with bronze medal on Saturday

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There is a Rana connection between India's shooting medals at Olympics and Paralympics. For, Rubina trains with Subhash Rana, younger brother of Jaspal Rana. Jaspal coached Manu Bhaker for her twin bronze medals in the Paris Olympics. Rubina felt the sport of shooting has been a life-changing experience for her.

"Before I took up the sport, I had doubts about myself, and my life, but after I started shooting, all my doubts were gone and I knew what I was capable of," she said. "I feel my parents have made a lot of sacrifices to make me whatever I am today and I was fortunate to get support from many people, organisations like the Gun For Glory, MP State Shooting Academy and the govt."

Rubina was born with leg dysfunction, but never made it her limitation in her pursuit of achieving sporting excellence. Before the Paralympic bronze, Rubina had won World Cup silver medals and Asian Para Games bronze in 2022. She started shooting in 2015 after she was spotted by Gagan Narang's Gun For Glory academy through a school talent search.

"When she got selected, we didn't have any knowledge about the sport, but the academy took care of all her training expenses. She later joined the Madhya Pradesh Shooting Academy and trained there for some years. Now she trains with Subhash Rana in Delhi," Rubina's father Simon, who is a mechanic, told TOI.

The proud father said that shooting helped Rubina's perspective towards life. "She has always been a quiet child, but after she started shooting, she grew more confident and started looking at things in a more positive way. "Earlier, I used to accompany her everywhere she wanted to go, but after she started shooting, she got confidence of managing her things by herself. Now she can travel alone and manage her training and stay by herself."

Nitesh, Sukant enter semis

Paris: Indian shuttlers Nitesh Kumar and Sukant Kadam qualified for the semifinals of men's singles SL3 and SL4 categories respectively after recording straight-game wins in their last group matches in the Paris Paralympics on Saturday. Nitesh, who had won a silver medal in the Asian Para Games last year in China, beat Mongkhon Bunsun of Thailand 21-13 21-14 to notch his third successive win and top group A.

Bunsun also qualified for the semifinals as the second-place finisher from group A. In SL3 class, which is meant for players with severe lower limb disability competing on half-width court, the top two finishers from each of the two groups qualify for the semifinals.

In the group A, Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Manoj Sarkar, who has already bowed out of the tournament, beat Yang Jianyuan of China 21-1 21-11. Manoj had earlier lost to Bunsun and Nitesh.

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In men's singles SL4 class, meant for athletes with lower limb impairments and minor balance issues in walking or running, Sukant joined compatriot Suhas Yathiraj in the semifinals after beating Thailand's Teamarrom Siripong 21-12 21-12 to top group B. This was his second consecutive win in the three-player group. Sukant had won a bronze in the Asian Para Games in China last year.

"It's my debut tournament. I am so happy to be qualified for the semifinals. I was well prepared for today's game. The first match was much tougher than this. And against him I have played plenty of times and I was very confident. So, I wanted to go one point at a time and then I played really well," said Sukant. "The drift and the atmosphere of the hall is very different. I am happy that I was able to adapt well this time," he added. PTI

Rowers finish 3rd in repechage, enter Final B

Paris: Indian rowers Anita and Narayana Konganapalle managed a third-place finish in the mixed PR3 double sculls event at the Paris Paralympics here on Saturday. The pair finished the race with a timing of 7:54.33s, behind Ukraine (7:29.24s) and Great Britain (7:20.53s).

The Indian duo will now be competing in Final B, which is for 7 to 12th spot. During the heat on Friday, the Indian pair had finished fifth with a timing of 8:06.84s. Anita lost her leg in a road accident when she was 18-years-old. Konganapalle lost his leg in a mine blast while on duty in J&K in 2015. PTI

THE TOI CROSSWORD

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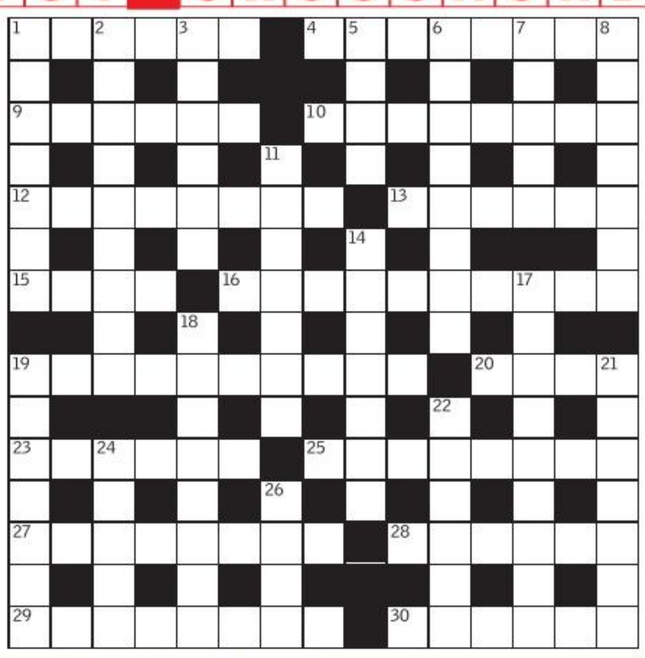


CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1 Small gate with a keeper in attendance (6)
4 Friendly note in a message (8)
9 He's stupid in trying to open it without a key (6)
10 Compromise and put a stop to bad temper (8)
12 Mr O'Casey crashed in American plane (8)
13 A quick grasp of music (6)
15 Check a king; a German one (4)
16 Went and gave a sinister description (4-6)
19 Balances books without any profit (10)
20 Father caught in end of mattress springs (4)
23 Defame a large number and get into a row (6)
25 Sweet dog Bill Sikes owned (5-3)
27 A popular calling perhaps (8)
28 An even chance the matador will try to avoid (4-2)
29 Firm rule about the French salad (8)
30 Person who stoops to alcoholic excess? (6)

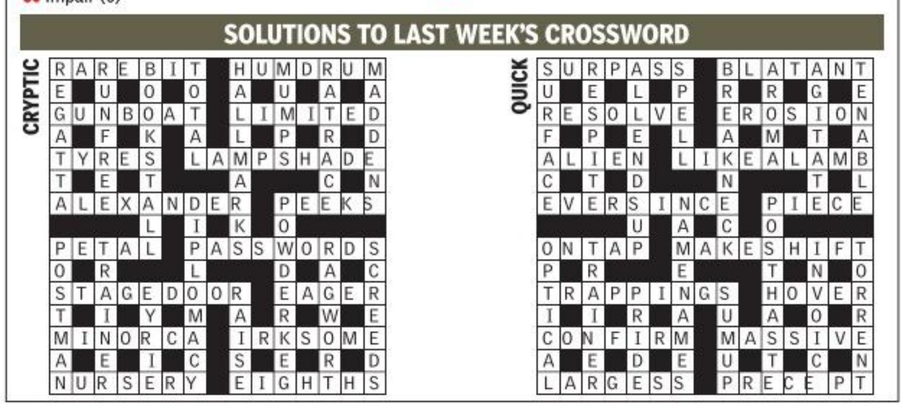
Down
1 Castle described in words (7)
2 It comes from Mecca, this religious instruction (9)
3 Game in the form of a puzzle (6)
5 It may flow and sound like the sea (4)
6 When cutting it drives round the links (5,3)
7 He's endlessly resolved to leave a small piece out (5)
8 Protected from shock but still broken-hearted (7)
11 Quaker's companions? (7)
14 One of two footholds on the mount (7)
17 Unhappy crowd indeed (9)
18 He made himself a butt of criticism (8)
19 In a way Marconi was of Latin descent (7)
21 Retired train bearer? (7)
22 Retreat for a chap about fifty (6)
24 Native love call stirred (5)
26 She takes me up to mother (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Resist (6) 4 A wild adventure (8) 9 Victor (3,3)
10 Most up-to-date of its kind (4,4)
12 US national flag (3,5) 13 Incompetent person (6)
15 Negative votes (4) 16 Very slow rate of progress (6,4) 19 Start before due time (4,3,3)
20 Walk lamely (4) 23 Fanatic (6) 25 Go-between in a dispute (8) 27 German shepherd dog (8)
28 Insurrection (6) 29 Rough calculation (8)
30 Impair (6)

Down
1 Obsolete (7) 2 A fanciful hope (4,5) 3 Booty (6)
5 Influence (4) 6 Habitual unselfishness (8) 7 Reserved and haughty (5) 8 Confirm (7) 11 Small piece of jewellery (7) 14 Summary of meeting's proceedings (7)
17 Unreasonable (1,3,5) 18 Basically (2,6)
19 1920s in the US (4,3) 21 Model of excellence (7)
22 Deduce by intuition (6) 24 A useful quality (5)
26 Sodium chloride (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD



THE SPEAKING TREE

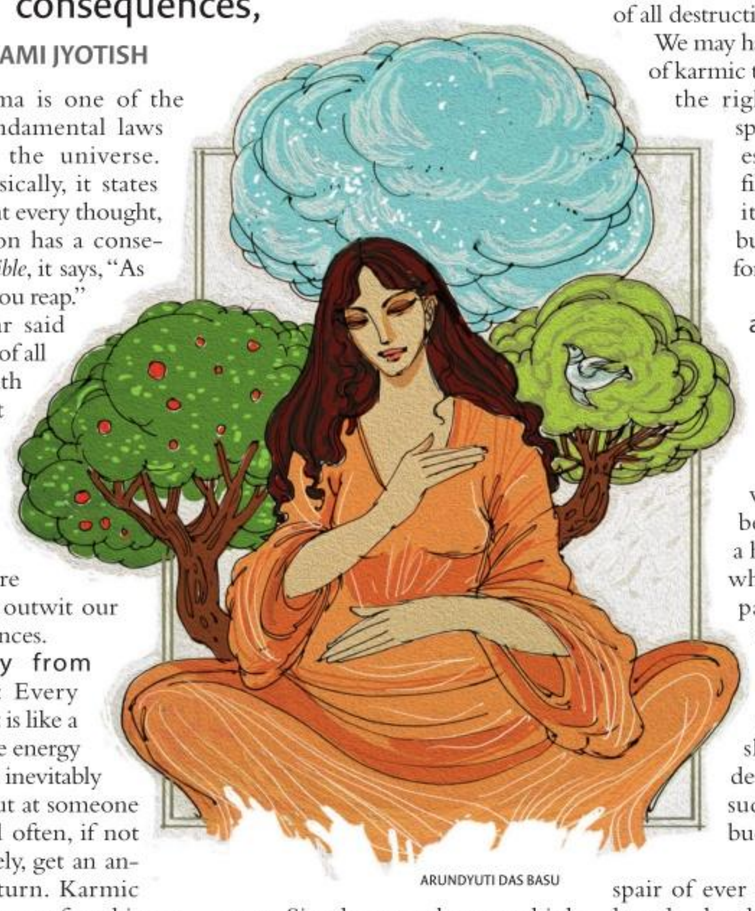
Four Ways To Outwit Karma

Once set in motion, the karma of past actions is usually unavoidable, but we can do much to lessen the severity of its consequences,

says NAYASWAMI JYOTISH

Karma is one of the fundamental laws of the universe. Basically, it states that every thought, feeling, and action has a consequence. In the *Bible*, it says, "As you sow, so shall you reap."

Sri Yukteswar said that the past lives of all men are dark with many shames. But that everything in the future will improve if we are making the right spiritual efforts now. Here are four ways to outwit our karmic consequences.



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Move away from bad behaviour: Every action or thought is like a bolt of energy. The energy once sent out will inevitably return. If we shout at someone in anger, we will often, if not always immediately, get an angry retort in return. Karmic paybacks are life's way of teaching us the consequences of our actions and nudging us toward alignment with God's laws. In this case, the returning karma is meant to teach us not to act out in anger.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

How do we respond the right way? First, become aware of how you are behaving. Awareness always precedes action. Next, take responsibility for your behaviour. Finally, put out energy in the opposite direction, the direction your karma wants to push you anyway.

Serve others: Service is one of the best ways to overcome karma, which is always initiated by self-interest. Simply put, when we think about ourselves, we end up creating bad karma. When we forget ourselves and think about helping others, we become freer and happier.

When we are self-involved, even a whisper of criticism can be devastating. When our hearts are strong and expanded through thinking of others, even an angry tirade can be shrugged off or provide an opportunity to help the irate person.

Meditate and do pranayama: Meditation is the fastest way to become free of ego, the root cause of all karma. All the whirlpools of karma reside in the astral spine. Meditation can neutralise those vortices. Paramhansa Yogananda said that each cycle of Kriya Yoga is the equivalent of a whole year of right living. Day by day, meditation by meditation, our astral spine is cleared of all destructive karmic tendencies.

We may have innumerable seeds of karmic tendencies waiting for the right circumstances to sprout. But pranayama, especially Kriya Yoga, fills the spine with positive magnetism and burns up the seeds before they can be planted.

Attunement with a guru: A guru will take away much of our karma if we stay attuned. A good friend had a fascinating dream. He was walking along a beach and came upon a huge pile of sticky tar, which he knew was his past bad karma. His task was to eliminate it, but all he had for the job was a little toy plastic pail and shovel. After a great deal of effort, he finally succeeded in filling his bucket one time.

As he began to despair of ever finishing the job, he heard a loud noise coming from the back of the pile. Curious, he went around and found his guru, Paramhansa Yogananda, driving a tractor with a large scoop on the front. Yogananda had a huge grin on his face as he dug into the mound of tar again.

When asked how we can tell the difference between good and bad karma, Swami Kriyananda said good karma takes us closer to God, while bad karma takes us away.

Yet sometimes good karma can be difficult. Like bitter medicine, it is the best thing for us. We don't have to enjoy it, but we would be wise to swallow it. ■

Good Sept rains to ensure fertile ground for rabi crops

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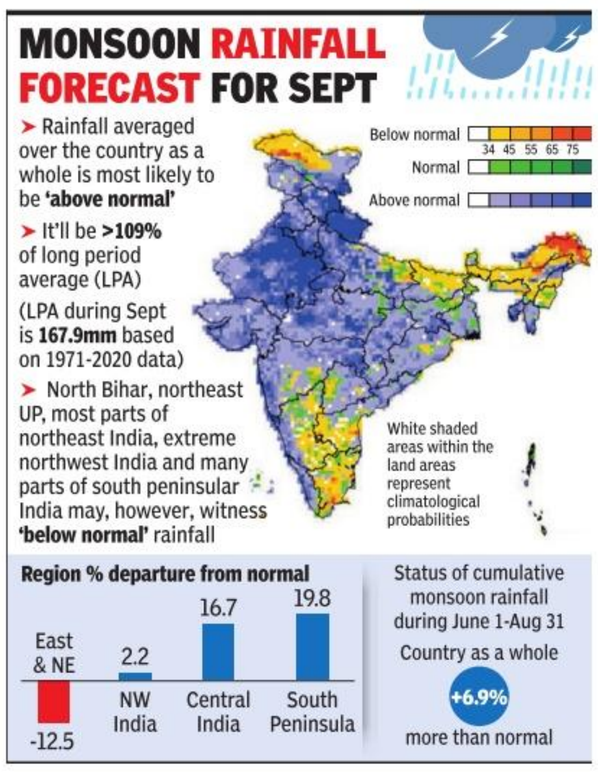
This can be attributed to variation in spatial distribution of rainfall — northwest India got 32% more than 'normal' rainfall in Aug (second highest in the month since 2001), whereas south peninsula received merely around 1% more than normal rains in the month.

Though the country as a whole is likely to get 'above-normal' rainfall in Sept, in certain areas — north Bihar, northeast UP, most parts of northeast India, extreme northwest India and many parts of south peninsular India — it is likely to be 'below normal'. Overall, the four-month (June-Sept) monsoon season, as predicted in mid-April, will be logged as 'above-normal' rainfall activity.

Good rains in Aug, mainly in 'monsoon core' zone (rainfed areas), already had its positive impact on kharif sowing. Total acreage of the season is well on course to cross 'normal' (average of past five years) sown area, indicating possibility of a higher food-grain output in the crop year. Good rains in monsoon season also mean adequate soil moisture and enough water in reservoirs to feed rabi (winter-sown) crops.



La Nina phenomenon has, however, not yet formed. It is now expected to be formed by Sept-end, but it won't have any effect on the current rainy season as the summer monsoon may, by that time, be in its withdrawal phase.

La Nina during Sept-Nov generally weakens the northeast (winter) monsoon in southeast India.

"It is, however, too early to predict its impact. We would be able to say anything on this by Sept-end. We'll also see how the La Nina will lead to cyclonic conditions," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general, IMD.

On the reasons for heavy rainfall in Aug, he said six low-pressure systems formed during the month (out of that one became a deep depression and another a cyclone) could be one of the major influencing factors. Aug generally sees an increase in trend for the 'break' (pause) days of monsoon, but such a phase was missing this time and the month could see one of the highest number of active days in the recent past. Earlier such high numbers of active days were observed in 2020 and 2022.

Mohapatra said, "Above-normal maximum (day) temperatures are likely over most parts of the country, except for some areas in northwest India, south peninsular India, and some pockets of east-central India, where normal to below-normal maximum temperatures are likely."

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL SANDEEP ADHWARYU

Haryana CM condemns lynching, calls for restraint

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While condemning the lynching incident, Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini said, "There's no compromise when it comes to protecting cows. People are devoted, and villagers often react strongly when they hear about cow slaughter. I urge them to exercise caution and avoid such actions."

Nuh MLA Aftab Ahmed of Congress criticised BJP govt. "There is no law and order in Haryana. Anti-social elements, goons & criminals are moving freely under the garb of cow protection," he said.

On Aug 27, rumours circulated about migrant labourers from Assam and Bengal eating beef in Hansawas Khurd village. This prompted cow vigilantes and villagers to search the migrants' kitchens and utensils, creating a ruckus. Police arrived and discovered cooked meat and took samples for tests. Six migrant workers were detained as a precaution.

Next day, Malik's body was found near Bhandwa village. Police registered a case of murder against four youths and handed the body to his family.

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'The worst tennis I've ever played'

Defending Champ Novak Djokovic Suffers Shock Defeat To Alexei Popyrin, Blames Exhaustion

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The multitier Arthur Ashe Stadium has a presence even when empty. The US Open's show court, with a capacity of approximately 24,000, is the biggest of tennis' four majors. The other three have main arenas with just under 15,000 seating. More voices translates to louder atmosphere, a good section of which is fuelled by Honey Deuce, the cocktail of the championships. Ashe is a daunting experience, even as a spectator, but as a pro engaged in a weekend night session, there are few evenings in sport that compare.

Some 20 minutes before the start of his third-round match, Alexei Popyrin wandered on to Arthur Ashe for the first time in his life. He wanted to see how big the stadium was, get a feel of size and stage. The world No. 28 may have come into the clash riding on the confidence he gained from winning the Montreal Masters 1000, but even he couldn't have visualized how it played out for him against the 24-time major winner Novak Djokovic.

The lanky 25-year-old ripped 50 winners to put out the defending champion 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 to claim the biggest win of his career, stalling the second seed's hopes of winning a historic 25th Grand Slam title. The last time Djokovic ended a season without a major crown was 2017. Not since 2002 has a tennis season gone by without one of the 'Big Three' — Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal — winning a major.

Popyrin, who goes up against good friend Frances Tiafoe in the fourth round on Sunday, received considerable help from the Serb, who sent down a career-high 14 double faults (in a Grand Slam match), including four in the seventh game to hand Popyrin a double break at 5-2 in the fourth set.

Djokovic, who was quick to applaud Popyrin, was frustrated by his form. "The way I felt, the way I played from the beginning of this tournament, third round is a success," he said. "I played some of the worst tennis I have ever played, serving by far the worst ever. If you play on a quick surface like this without the serve then you can't win, especially against the guys who are in form like Alexei."

The US Open lost two of its biggest draws on successive nights with Djokovic, the second seed, following No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz.

The 37-year-old acknowledged that there were weeks like this, when a player reaches for the accelerator and finds he's running on empty. "It was a big struggle mentally for me to play these three matches here, because I wasn't playing even close to my best," the Serb said. "It's not good to be in that state where you feel okay physically, and of course you're motivated because it's a Grand Slam, but you are not able to find your game."

Popyrin had former No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt, his Davis Cup captain, in his box. The Aussie, whose ranking jumped from 62 to 23 after the Montreal triumph, kept his calm in tight situations early in the match. "He (Djokovic) has come back from two sets to love down countless times, and I didn't want it to be one of those moments where Novak kind of stepped up and came back from two sets to love down," Popyrin said. "It was extra motivation for me to win that fourth set. I had to pump myself up to get back into the mood of winning," he added.

Bopanna-Ebden pair advances

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden, second seeds in the men's doubles, put out Spain's Roberto Caraballes Baena and Argentina's Federico Coria 6-2, 6-4 to move into the US Open third round.

India's Yuki Bhambri made his first Grand Slam third round when he partnered Frenchman Albano Olivetti to beat 15th seeds American Austin Krajicek and Jean-Julien Rojers 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Sriram Balaji and Argentina's Guido Andreozzi went down 6-7 (4), 4-6 to the eighth seeds Kiwi Michael Venus and Briton Neale Skupski.

Bopanna had a busy day on Friday as he was back on court for the mixed doubles, teaming up with Indonesia's Aldila Sutjiadi to score a 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5) win over Demi Schuurs of the Netherlands and German Tim Puetz.

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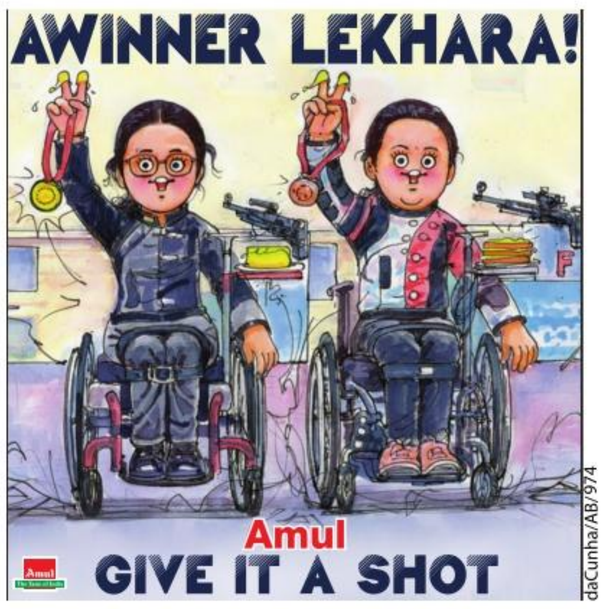
"I spent a lot of energy winning the gold medal (in Paris). I arrived in New York not feeling fresh mentally and physically. Because it's the US Open, I gave it a shot. I just felt out of gas."
—Novak Djokovic

"He (Djokovic) wasn't playing his best tennis. I was waiting for him to kind of step up."
—Alexei Popyrin

IMPORTANT RESULTS: DAY FOUR

Men (3rd rd): Casper Ruud (NOR x8) bt Shang Juncheng (CHN) 6-7 (1/7), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-1, Taylor Fritz (USA x12) bt Francisco Comesana (ARG) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, Brandon Nakashima (USA) bt Lorenzo Musetti (ITA x18) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), Alexander Zverev (GER x4) bt Tomas Etcheverry (ARG) 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3, Andrey Rublev (RUS x6) bt Jirí Lehecka (CZE x32) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4, Grigor Dimitrov (BUL x9) bt Tallon Griekspoor (NED) 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, Frances Tiafoe (USA x20) bt Ben Shelton (USA x13) 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-3, Alexei Popyrin (AUS x28) bt Novak Djokovic (SRB x2) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Women (3rd rd): Paula Badosa (ESP x26) bt Elena-Gabriela Ruse (ROM) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10/8), Wang Yafan (CHN) bt Victoria Azarenka (BLR x20) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, Emma Navarro (USA x13) bt Marta Kostyuk (UKR x19) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, Coco Gauff (USA x3) bt Elina Svitolina (UKR x27) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, Zheng Qinwen (CHN x7) bt Jule Niemeier (GER) 6-2, 6-1, Donna Vekic (CRO x24) bt Peyton Stearns (USA) 7-5, 6-4, Elise Mertens (BEL x33) bt Madison Keys (USA x14) 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-4, Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x2) bt Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS x29) 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.



Batters Badoni, Arya in record-breaking spree

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New Delhi: Ayush Badoni and Priyansh Arya went on a rampage at the Arun Jaitley stadium on Saturday afternoon and brought the Delhi Premier League T20 to life.

Opening the innings for South Delhi Superstarz, **Arya hit six sixes in an over** off North Delhi Strikers left-arm spinner Manan Bhardwaj even as Badoni amassed 165 off just 55 balls. Arya finished with 120 off 50 balls as Superstarz posted 308/5 in their 20 overs to set up a 112-run win.

DPL T20

The duo put together a stand of 286 runs for the third wicket. The left-handed Arya has been identified by head coach Devang Gandhi as one for the future. His knock contained 10 sixes.

The 24-year-old Badoni, meanwhile, meant business in an innings where hit 19 crisp sixes against an attack which had Delhi's premier allrounder Pranshu Vijayran and KKR's leg-spinner Suyash Sharma. A fairly established name in the IPL, Badoni has battled perceptions in Delhi cricket which have affected his consistency. "I've set a bar for myself. I need to absolutely dominate this level if I want to succeed at the next level. If I want to be Delhi's best batter, then I must dominate. Captaining the Superstarz has made me responsible and it's bringing the best out of me," Badoni told **TOI**.

SMASH HITS

- **Ayush Badoni and Priyansh Arya of South Delhi Superstarz notched up a partnership of 286** runs against North Delhi Strikers, **the highest for any wicket in T20 history.** The earlier record was 258 between Japanese openers Lachlan Yamamoto-Lake and Kendel Kadowaki. **The team's total of 308 is the second highest** in T20 history.
- **Badoni hit 19 sixes, the most in a T20 innings,** breaking Estonian Sahil Chauhan's record of 18 sixes. South Delhi Superstarz hit 31 sixes in all, another record.
- **Badoni's 165** off 55 balls (SR 300) is the **third highest individual score in the history of T20 cricket.**

Dravid's son Samit in India's under-19 squad

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Bengaluru: Samit Dravid, the elder son of former Indian skipper and head coach Rahul Dravid, was on Saturday drafted into the India under-19 squad for the upcoming multi-format series against Australia U-19.

The 18-year-old batter and medium pacer made the cut on the strength of his showing in the Cooch Behar and Vinoo Mankad Trophy. Samit is one of four players from Karanataka in the squad, the others being Hardik Raj, Karthikeya KP and Samarth Nagaraj.

On Saturday, the BCCI junior selection committee headed by Thilak Naidu named two squads, for three one-dayers and two four-day matches, to be played in Puducherry and Chennai respectively. While three from Karnataka feature in both squads, spinning allrounder Hardik, who made his Ranji Trophy debut last previous season, will play only white-ball cricket.

SAMIT DRAVID

The previous year was a comeback phase for allrounder Samit, who went under the knife in 2022 for a knee problem. He made a successful return to the field in 2023.

UP's Mohammed Amaan is captain for the one-day leg on Sept 21, 23 and 26. MP's Soham Patwardhan will lead in the two four-day matches on Sept 30 and Oct 7.

INJURED SURYA MAY BE DOUBTFUL FOR DULEEP TROPHY

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Mumbai: India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav's participation in the upcoming Duleep Trophy looks uncertain. On Saturday, the flamboyant batsman, according to sources, checked into the BCCI's National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru after having suffered a thumb injury on his right hand while fielding at leg slip during Mumbai's Buchi Babu invitational tournament match against TNCA XI in Coimbatore on Thursday. Now, the 33-year-old could be racing against time to participate in the Duleep Trophy, which begins in Bengaluru and Anantapur in just five days' time.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV

Lanka limp to 53-2 after Root's record 34th ton

London: England were firmly in the driving seat in the second Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's on Saturday, with the visitors ending day three on 53-2 as they chase down a massive target of 483 to level the three-match series.

Joe Root earlier made his record 34th Test century, taking the Yorkshireman past the 33 Test hundreds scored by Alastair Cook to make him England's greatest centurion in the longest format.

Sri Lanka lost the wickets of Nishan Madushka and Pathum Nissanka early in their second innings, leaving Dimuth Karunaratne (23) and Prabath Jayasuriya (3) at the crease when play was stopped due to poor light.

Sri Lanka now have a mountain to climb. The highest successful run chase in Test history is 418, which West Indies chased down to beat Australia in Antigua in May 2003. England were all out for 251 in their second innings, Root making 103 to add to his 143 in the first innings.

The hosts built steadily on their 231-run lead from the first innings in the morning, playing under lights on a gloomy day in north London. They lost wickets steadily, with Ben Duckett, captain Ollie Pope and Harry Brook falling before the lunch interval.

Root moved into the 90s before hitting a boundary to reach three figures. He jumped for joy, removed his helmet and saluted the crowd as teammates applauded from the Lord's balcony.

Scores: SL 196 & 53/2 need 430 more to beat Eng 427 & 251 (Root 103). AFP

MEHIDY HASAN TAKES 5 TO GIVE B'DESH THE EDGE

Rawalpindi: Off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz grabbed five wickets to help Bangladesh skittle Pakistan out for 274 on the second day of the second Test in Rawalpindi on Saturday. The 26-year-old recorded his 10th five-wicket haul in Tests to cap a good day for the tourists, who are looking to win only their third away series. Bangladesh finished the day on 10 for no loss.

It was Bangladesh's bowlers who steered them to a strong position. Mehidy dismissed Pakistan captain Shan Masood for 57 and opener Saim Ayub for 58 after the home team had been well-placed on 99-1 at lunch. Mehidy, who had produced match-turning figures of 4-21 in Bangladesh's 10-wicket win in the first Test a week ago, also snared Khurram Shahzad for 12 and then Mohammad Ali and Abrar Ahmed to end the innings with 5/61. Mehidy was ably assisted by fast bowler Taskin Ahmed, who took 3-57. AFP

Brief scores: Bangladesh 10/0 trail Pakistan 274 (Ayub 58, Masood 57, Agha 54, Mehidy 5-61, Taskin 3-57) by 264 runs.

GALLERY

IGU suspends GC member for 'serious misconduct' in Oly

New Delhi: The Indian Golf Union has suspended senior Governing Council member Sundeep Verma pending inquiry into an alleged "serious misconduct" while he was a part of the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics — a charge the official vehemently denied. Sources say Verma allegedly used a false accreditation to be a part of the Olympic team during the opening ceremony in Paris. Verma, however, termed the charges baseless.

Anahat wins women's and U-19 girls' titles: Anahat Singh clinched the women's title with a dominant 3-0 win over Philippines' Jemyca Aribado in the final of the HCL Squash Tour PSA in Kolkata on Saturday. It was double delight for her as she won the U-19 girls' title as well.

ACTION TODAY

AUTO: Italian GP, 6.30 pm (Fancode); **BADMINTON:** Korea Open, Final, 7.30 am (Jio); **CRICKET:** Eng vs SL, 2nd Test, Day 4, 3.30 pm (Sony); **FOOTBALL:** EPL, Chelsea vs Crystal Palace, 6 pm; Man United vs Liverpool, 8.30 pm (Star); **TENNIS:** US Open, 8.30 pm & 4.30 am Monday (Sony); **PARALYMPICS:** 12 pm onwards (Jio)

Weary Jeev hot on Haeggman's heels

Drained Host Cards A 68 As Senior Pros Struggle In Balmy Conditions; Jyoti 3rd

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Greater Noida: For Jeev Milkha Singh, the final hole was 'special'. Drained and dehydrated, he struggled in the humid conditions but it didn't show in his game and demeanour. On his finishing 9th, the tournament host hit a 'bad' bunker shot but holed it from 20ft for a par save that lodged him just one stroke behind the leader Joakim Haeggman, who was at 9-under. Little did the spectators know that his head was spinning as he bent to strike. He still managed to come up with a super putt.

"It would have gone to 30ft if the flag wasn't there," the 52-year-old said after some rest and replenishment, letting out his customary laugh.

The weather wasn't kind to him as well as the other 50-somethings – a few overseas players were nauseous, and throwing up a day before.

On the second day of the HSBC India Legends Championship, a gentle breeze failed to soothe the weary. "I had enough electrolytes, I ate four bananas, I carry my amino acids so I was loaded. But by the time I reached the 11th hole, I was feeling weak," reflected Jeev.

Despite the energy sapping first-9, he came up with three birdies after the turn.

"The last three holes were really difficult for me because I wasn't able to do what I wanted to do." He still came up with pars.

His only blemish in a round marked by five birdies was a liquid reminder to stay patient on his ninth hole. At the showcase 18th, he admitted being 'a little greedy aiming for the flag from the rough'. A bogey can be forgiven and forgotten when you turn up with the joint-best round of the day, as a second straight 68 lifted him to 8-under. Jyoti Randhawa was in sole third place after a rollercoaster even-par round of 6 birdies and 6 bogeys placed him at a total of 4-under, five adrift of the top, thus ensuring the three-man leadergroup would include the local favourites.

Overnight leader Haeggman had overseen two Ryder Cup victories as vice-captain for Europe over the USA but this is another kind of challenge for the 55-year-old. "Being a Swede, I'll take you home for a white Christmas. This is the opposite," he said, after signing for 2-under 70. When Jeev was asked to sum up the senior tours in one line, he replied, "Pension fund". But deep inside, he knew what a first win on the Legends Tour would mean. "I would dedicate it to my parents."

Sunday, he gives his best shot. "As a host, if I make my cake, you are supposed to offer it to other people before you eat. But I won't mind it if I take the first bite."

ROUND 2 SCORES: (-9) Joakim Haeggman (Swe) 65-70; (-8) Jeev Milkha Singh (Ind) 68-68; (-4) Jyoti Randhawa (Ind) 68-72; (-3) Adilson Da Silva (Bra) 68-73; (-2).

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PUTTING UP A FIGHT: Jeev Milkha Singh in action on Saturday

Theegala T-4th as Scheffler builds big lead

Atlanta: Indian-American Sahith Theegala carded a 5-under 66 to be in tied-fourth place at the halfway stage of the PGA Tour Championship here. With 67-66, he is 12-under for two rounds, including his three starting strokes as per the event's norms. Theegala shares the fourth spot along with Adam Scott and Wyndham Clark, who are all at 12-under including their starting strokes.

Shubhankar makes cut: Two-time winner on the DP World Tour, Shubhankar Sharma moved into the weekend round action at the British Masters despite a closing bogey on Day 2, where he shot an even-par 72. Sharma, who had shot 1-under 71 on the opening day, was 1-under after two rounds of 71-72 and placed tied-37 after 36 holes.

Diksha remains in fray: A late birdie saved Diksha Dagar on the second day as the Indian golfer made the cut despite a round of 1-over at the KPMG Women's Irish Open. The two-time Ladies European Tour winner was one shot short of the cut line when she holed a birdie on the Par-5 17th hole to get to 1-over for the day. AGENCIES

Arsenal pay price for Rice red card; Villa too good for Leicester

London: Arsenal's Premier League title challenge hit its first stumbling block in a 1-1 draw with Brighton after Declan Rice was sent off on Saturday. In another match, Aston Villa won 2-1 away at Leicester.

Both Arsenal and Brighton had maximum points from their opening two games and the Gunners looked set for another victory when Kai Havertz pounced on a Lewis Dunk error to lob in the opening goal. However, the game turned just seconds into the second half when Rice controversially received the first red card of his career. The England midfielder was deemed to have kicked the ball away as Joel Veltman shaped up to take a Brighton free-kick and was shown a second yellow card. Brighton quickly made their man advantage count as Joao Pedro swept home the rebound after David Raya denied Yankuba Minteh. Both sides had chances to win it as Bart Verbruggen denied Havertz and Georginio Rutter headed off target late on for the visitors. But Arsenal had to settle for a point that could see them cede early ground in the title race.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Villa bounced back from their defeat to Arsenal last weekend to secure their second win in three games. Southampton have found the jump up to the top flight just as hard. Brentford eased past the Saints 3-1 with Bryan Mbeumo scoring twice.

Everton suffered another gut punch on their final season at Goodison Park as Bournemouth came from 2-0 down after 87 minutes to win 3-2. Two quickfire goals from Michael Keane and Dominic Calvert-Lewin early in the second half had put the Toffees in control. But Antoine Semenyo gave Bournemouth life before Lewis Cook and Luis Sinisterra ensured Everton remain without a point. Ipswich got their first Premier League point in 22 years in a 1-1 draw against Fulham. Honours were also even in a 1-1 draw between Nottingham Forest and Wolves. AFP

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FRUSTRATED: Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta reacts during the team's drawn match vs Brighton

Chelsea to sign Sancho, Sterling joins Arsenal

Chelsea reportedly agreed a deal to sign Jadon Sancho from Manchester United as Raheem Sterling left Stamford Bridge to join Arsenal also on loan at the 11th hour after a frenzied transfer deadline day in the Premier League. Sancho was expected to join the Blues on loan with an obligation to make a permanent move next season for £25 million ($33 million). United have cut their losses on the 24-year-old, who has failed to live up to his price tag ever since a £73 million move from Borussia Dortmund in 2021.

Sancho has not played a league game for United since posting on social media he had been made a "scapegoat" for poor performances just under a year ago.

United completed a 50 million euro (£42 million) move for Uruguayan international Manuel Ugarte from Paris Saint-Germain. Arsenal added goalkeeper Neto as cover for David Raya on a season-long loan from Bournemouth, after letting Aaron Ramsdale leave for Southampton in a £25 million move. Manchester City refused to delve into the market on the deadline day. AFP

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You try to hide from your kids how much pain and sadness you carry: Angelina

Angelina Jolie, who attended the Venice Film Festival to promote her film *Maria,* said in the interview, "(Earlier) you could have this messy private process and the work spoke. Now, the audience's relationship is different. I'm trying to get used to what to share"

After her self-imposed hiatus from filmmaking and a turbulent period that included a divorce battle with Brad Pitt, her 20-year-old son Pax's recent e-bike accident and her evolving relationship with her children, Angelina Jolie discussed her reemergence into filmmaking. In an interview with *The Hollywood Reporter*, the actress declined to discuss Pitt but revealed that she is in LA due to the divorce.

"I am here because I have to be here (due to) a divorce, but as soon as they're 18 (her twins Knox Léon and Vivienne Marcheline, 16), I'll be able to leave. When you have a big family, you want them to have privacy, peace, safety. That humanity that I found across the world is not what I grew up with here (after LA)," she said.

On her return to work

I needed to be home more with my kids. (Now) they are a bit older, getting more independent. I'm less needed and so able to go away for different periods of time. And they're old enough to join me at work. It's a new season in our lives. I'm very excited for them to be coming into their own more and more every day.

On having her kids on set

I have never had a set where my family is not allowed because I'm focusing - I'm not that person. You can climb all over me or visit. It really meant a lot that my boys (Maddox and Pax) were with me on (the sets of) *Maria*. When I would have really heavy times, they would come over and just give me a hug or a cup of tea. That was probably one of the more intense things was that - usually when I'm expressing that much pain, it's not in front of my children. You really try to hide from your children how much pain and sadness you carry.

TOLLYWOOD WOMEN DEMAND RELEASE OF 2022 SEXUAL HARASSMENT REPORT

After the Hema Committee Report rocked the Malayalam film industry, women from the Telugu film industry, including Samantha Ruth Prabhu, are now demanding the Telangana government to publish a key report submitted by Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH), which has been withheld since June 2022

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A collaboration to strengthen bonds

In a move to enhance its brand recognition, Alstone, one of the leaders in premium exterior cladding, has announced Kartik Aaryan as its brand ambassador. "In a groundbreaking move, Alstone proudly announced Hindi cinema's heartthrob and one of the most versatile actors, Kartik Aaryan, as the brand's new face. This strategic partnership is set to further strengthen the brand's timeless and enduring appeal, aligning with its ethos," says the brand.

Delighted about the partnership and the new campaign that is soon to be released, Sumit Gupta, Managing Director of Alstone, says, "We are thrilled to welcome Kartik as our new brand ambassador. His choice of films and his inspiring body of work resonate strongly with the youth. Furthermore, his distinctive class appeal will fortify the bond between Alstone and its discerning audiences – both commercial and residential."

Expressing his enthusiasm about the partnership, Kartik shares, "I am delighted to associate with Alstone as a leading cladding brand, and I look forward to working on more such innovative and exciting campaigns in the times ahead." As per the brand, "Alstone will soon roll out a series of content, including TVCs, reels, videos, and digital marketing materials, featuring Kartik Aaryan."

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Kartik Aaryan with Sumit Gupta

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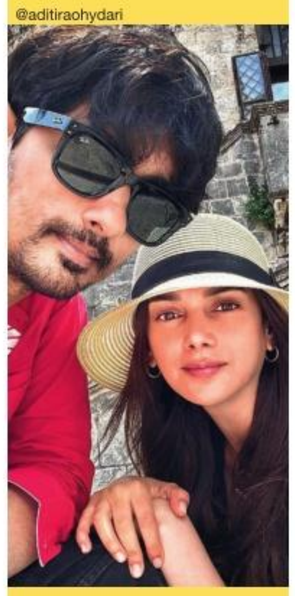


Aditi Rao Hydari and **Siddharth** are opting out of a big, fat destination wedding. In a recent interview with a magazine, the actress shared, "The wedding will be centered around a 400-year-old temple in Wanaparthy that holds special significance for my family." The couple announced their engagement in March this year.

Agencies

Acting is behaving truthfully under imaginary circumstances - Sanford Meisner

OTT has been pushing people to work hard, says Faisal Malik

Akash Wadhwa

Faisal Malik might have been a part of *Gangs of Wasseypur*, but it was *Panchayat* that made him a household name. Known for playing Prahald Cha in the web show, the actor agrees that his life changed post the success of *Panchayat*. He agrees that OTT has been a game-changer for actors like him by blurring the concept of a lead.

"If we watch OTT shows like *Mirzapur*, for example, there is no one lead character. Because of this tough competition from OTT medium, films *ko ab kuch aur karna padega*. It is due to the digital medium that storytelling has gone into a different space," says Faisal, adding, "Thankfully, OTT is also paying the actors well. In films somewhere, we are still focussed on leads. Audiences today want to see more of actors like Pankaj Tripathi and Jaideep Ahlawat. Even the A-listers in Bollywood are now looking for a good story. Bollywood needs to not just stop copying trends but also generate its own trends. OTT has been pushing people to work hard (*laughs*)."

Ask him why he isn't seen in many projects lately, and Faisal says, "After *Gangs of Wasseypur*, I got several offers to play a cop, and I didn't want to keep playing the same character. Also, I don't want to do too many projects. I want to always do quality work. Plus, I am still into production and post-production work, which takes up a lot of my time."

Nikhil Kumar

Faisal Malik

'I'm glad Prahlad Cha has got so much love'

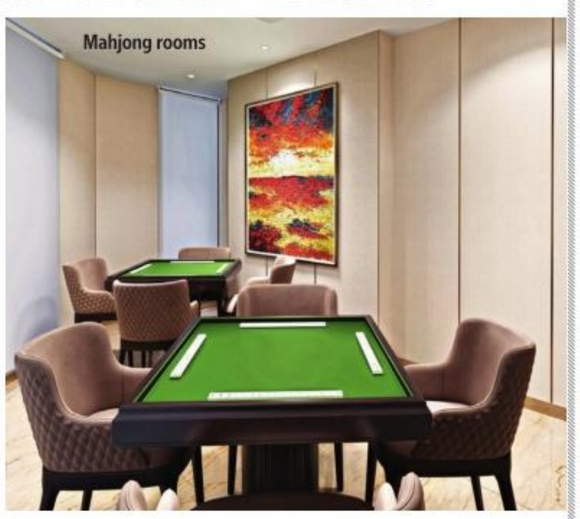
Faisal expresses his happiness about the love he got for playing Prahlad Cha in *Panchayat*. He says, "Although the show has become a huge hit and the lives of all us actors have completely changed, the remuneration was never a concern. We all only wanted to make a good show. For all us, *Panchayat* show *ka chalna bahut zaroori tha*. I'm happy that when Prahalad Cha laughed in the second season, the viewers were in tears. The writers have done a fabulous job and I am glad that Prahlad has found so much love."

@panchayat_fans

Faisal Malik with (left) Raghubir Yadav in a scene from *Panchayat*

Gurgaon gets a taste of Japanese opulence with a brand new club

Ofuro at Sakura Town


Mahjong rooms

Ginza restaurant

LAUNCH PAD

There's a new address for luxury in Gurgaon. "Central Park, a premier real estate developer in Gurgaon owned by The Bakshi Group of Enterprises – a legacy name across real estate, infrastructure, hospitality and automotive industries – has set a new standard for luxury living with the introduction of Sakura Town," claims the brand's management team.

The team adds, "Located in Sector 48, Sohna Road, within Central Park Resorts' The Room, the property is an exclusive Japanese club designed to cater to the growing Japanese expatriate community in Delhi-NCR. It includes, Ofuro – renowned hot water baths for relaxation – and Ginza, a restaurant serving authentic Japanese cuisine prepared by Japanese chefs. The resto is active at three locations in Gurgaon – The Room at Central Park, Aloft Aerocity and Le-Meridien Gurgaon."

About the additional amenities at the new property, the brand informs that patrons can enjoy amenities such as the Ariake-do Spa, Bochi Bochi Salon, swimming pool, gym, Mahjong rooms, golf simulator, and the Sakura Events Deck for hosting memorable gatherings. The team adds, "Known for offering a luxurious lifestyle, our brand provides an extraordinary experience through concept-based luxury homes and luxury hospitality services. Our key projects include Central Park at Golf Course Road, Central Park Resorts (including Bellavista), Central Park The Room, and Central Park Flower Valley."

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Golf simulator

Ginza private dining room

It's frivolous: Rahul Ram & Amit Kilam of Indian Ocean on ex-bandmate's complaint

Rahul Ram and (right) Amit Kilam stated that they learnt about the complaint "from the media"

The current Indian Ocean members issued a statement after former member Susmit Sen filed a complaint against them over royalties

Riya Sharma

Days after co-founder and former member of the music band Indian Ocean, Susmit Sen, and Sunita Chakravarty, wife of deceased band co-founder Ashim Chakravarty, jointly filed a police complaint against musicians **Rahul Ram** and **Amit Kilam**, current members of Indian Ocean, for non-payment of royalties, Rahul and Amit have released their official statement on the matter.

"We are saddened to learn from the media that a police complaint has been filed against us by Mr Susmit Sen and Ms Sunita Chakravarty. We have not seen a copy of the complaint as yet and thus cannot address it on its merits. There is a pending matter in the NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) between the shareholders for more than a year. That case is still in process, and thus everything therein is sub-judice. It is thus quite a surprise to us that a police complaint has been filed with what appears to be the same issue considered by NCLT. Filing a criminal complaint on what is evidently a civil law issue seems to be an afterthought and to arm twist us to agree to their illegal and unwarranted demands. Nevertheless, we shall cooperate fully with the police in any enquiry they choose to carry out. We are quite aware that the complaints are essentially frivolous and mala fide and completely confident about the legality of all procedures carried out by us," reads the statement.

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Former and current Indian Ocean members in tussle over royalties

BACKGROUND

In a press note shared by Susmit, the composer shared that the complaint has been filed against Rahul Ram, Amit Kilam and also against Kandisa Music Productions Pvt Ltd, the company that runs the Indian Ocean band. "Charges made against the two include criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, cheating, misappropriation, falsification of accounts, money laundering, embezzlement. Susmit Sen hasn't been paid royalties/dues by Indian Ocean since 2020, and Sunita Chakravarty hasn't been paid royalties/dues since 2021.The two complainants have filed that, so far, they have been deprived of due royalty payments totalling more than half a crore rupees per head, as calculated two years ago," mentioned the note.

Priyanka surprises new parents Richa-Ali with gifts for their daughter

Ali and Richa welcomed their daughter on July 16

New mom **Richa Chadha** posted a sweet video on Instagram Stories on Friday, showing off a special gift that she received from **Priyanka Chopra** for her daughter. Richa and **Ali Fazal** welcomed their baby girl on July 16.

The gift basket consisted of white and lavender flowers and huge pastel balloons which had "Welcome to the world, baby" written on them. It also had a note for Richa and Ali from the "Chopra and Jonas family".

Expressing her gratitude, Richa wrote alongside the video, "Thank you Priyanka Chopra for this! It's so cute! #girlmoms." TNN

Giving a glimpse of the gift basket (left) on Instagram, Richa Chadha added the hashtag "girlmoms" in the caption, referring to Priyanka Chopra and her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas (above)

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AMMA resignation: Malayalam film industry deserves better

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AMMA resignation: Malayalam film industry deserves better: At a time when all eyes are on the Malayalam film...

Indeed, the Malayalam film industry does deserve better. First, to make the industry better they should redevelop without destroying the nature of the industry, which helps it to constantly churn out rooted, naturalistic, anti-establishment films that have won many hearts across India. The Hema committee report is a wakeup call for the whole of India. – Aditya Kamble

When the accused resigned, there was no need for the team to resign. But this team should have resigned when an actress was sexually abused and harassed in a car. At that time, many members demanded their resignation. But they ignored thinking it was not that important. They never bothered about the plight of the victim. Hope and wish the new team will give importance to ladies. – Mangala Kandur

Resignations take place, apologies are made, justifications given...this is what happens when such situations crop up in the media. Decisions are taken and will continue to be taken, but only after the cases are highlighted. Is this what we are aiming at? Don't we need to get to the root of this?

The ethics, values, the respect for the women need to be inculcated at an early age. If we need to change society, we need to reform our education system and we, as parents and elders, need to create awareness and change the perception and mindset of the children at an early age. – Shailja Varma

There is no one version of a happy family. Let's keep it that way

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There is no one version of a happy family. Let's keep it that way: To borrow from an African proverb, it takes a village to raise a child...

I agree. Nowadays there is no guarantee that marriage will be successful and kids born would be taken care of properly and the family would be happy. Parents, relatives, friends, teachers and many other circumstances decide the wellbeing and future of the child.

Men and women who don't want to get married and those in same-sex relationships should be allowed to adopt children or have them through surrogacy. Karen Johar, Sushmita Sen and Tusshar Kapoor are very good examples. They have brought up their children very well. So, it is high time laws in India are changed for the better. – S Ravichandran

It's important to recognise and embrace diverse forms of families, beyond traditional nuclear structure. The concept of a family is evolving. Laws and social structures should adapt to support these changes. Single men and women, and same sex couples, face challenges in becoming parents due to legal and social barriers.

Celebrities like Karan Johar and Sushmita Sen have faced scrutiny and legal battles for their non-traditional family choices. It's essential to be compassionate and understanding towards non-normative families and their children. I request readers to consider the genuineness of those who choose to adopt and to be more accepting of diverse family structures. – Manicklal Chakraborty

Mirror mirror on the wall, who's the most electable of them all

Refer: August 26, 2024 edition
Mirror mirror on the wall, who's the most electable of them all: For the average politician, the key to winning an electoral race is often a game of optics...

Donald Trump and his approach towards America remind us of the colonial British rule. Discriminating between races was one of their policies. Trump going a step ahead brings into argument, discussion his efforts made in the direction of dividing men and women on the aspect of beauty where he stresses that white people are more good looking. – Sandeep Chaudhury

This POV is a crisp take on the game of optics ruling the heart of politics with the Harris-Trump row. Recently, the internet went gaga over the resembling tan suits adorned by Harris and Obama. The world's political mirror still proves foggy amidst the kaleidoscope of 'pretty looks'. – Samarpita Mukherjee

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A cricket match to raise cancer awareness

(L-R) Dr PN Arora, former cricketer Madan Lal, DS Chauhan, Chairman of UP Cricket Association, Rajeev Shukla, Manoj Gaur, CMD of Gaurs Group, and Manju Gaur

A charity match was organised recently with the intent to support the treatment of cancer patients. Yashoda Super Speciality Hospitals in collaboration with Gaurs Group, and their cricket team, Gorakhpur Lions, organised the charity match between Gorakhpur Lions and Meerut Mavericks in the UPT20 Cricket League. The match was held at Gaur City Stadium in Greater Noida West. "BCCI Vice President Rajeev Shukla was present on the occasion to cheer the sportsmen and he applauded the effort of the real estate developers and hospital for promoting sports and ensuring a productive society," the brands' management team said.

The team added, "He also appreciated the philanthropic culture of the two brands in their continual efforts to support cancer patients. Dr PN Arora, chairman of the hospital, conveyed his best wishes to the sportsman and announced a donation of ₹11 lakhs for cancer patients."

Doc charged in Matthew Perry's death case appears in court

Matthew Perry

One of two doctors charged in connection with **Matthew Perry**'s death made his first appearance in a federal court in Los Angeles on Friday after reaching a deal to plead guilty and cooperate with prosecutors. Dr Mark Chavez, 54, of San Diego, reached a plea agreement with prosecutors earlier this month to plead guilty to conspiring to distribute the surgical anesthetic ketamine. He is the third person to plead guilty in the aftermath of the *Friends* star's fatal overdose last year. Chavez admitted in his plea agreement that he obtained ketamine from his former clinic and from a wholesale distributor where he submitted a fraudulent prescription. Perry died in October last year due to a ketamine overdose.

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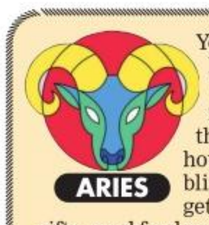
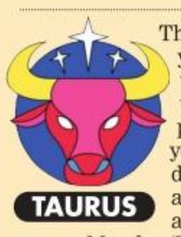


ARIES

Your sign Lord Mars is strongly moving in the third house, enabling you to get wealth, gifts, good food and happiness. Except Monday/Tuesday, the rest of the week is favourable from your lunar transit, so, expect happiness, and gains on Wednesday/Thursday. This is also a good time to make an investment in gold. Encashing on your stock market gains is advisable. Some kind of confusion in love affairs is indicated.

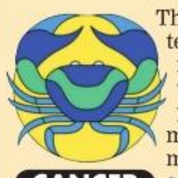


TAURUS

Though Mercury, your planet of wealth shall be favourably disposed towards you from Thursday onwards, the affliction of sun and moon by Saturn on Monday/Tuesday will cause domestic uneasiness and vary on account of the well being of your parents. Professionally, there is likely to be some kind of confrontation with seniors or bosses. It is better to be a yes man this week. Affliction of Venus in your fifth house, will keep you anxious, also on account of progress of your children.

GEMINI

The week starts off on a good note, plan your important official meetings and engagements on Monday/Tuesday. For those planning renovations, this is the right time, it is possible that you also plan modifications of some old/new property now. Professional matters will keep you on your toes. This is all because of Mars in your sign, legal issues too will need quick resolution and decision. Chanting the planetary mantra for Mars and Jupiter shall ensure overcoming these unstable influences smoothly.



CANCER

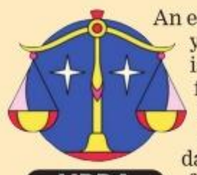
This is a bit of tense week, as Venus, the planet that rules over your peace of mind, and your mother is under affliction by *ketu* and also ill placed resulting in some kind of domestic distress/uneasiness. Keep a piece of solid square silver in your pocket to strengthen the Moon, so that you have the mental strength to tide over this difficult phase. Do not do any important financial transactions on Monday/Tuesday. Mars, which governs your profession is also currently ill placed in the 12th house.

LEO

The week starts with a No moon in *Magha nakshatra,* which governs the *pitras* (departed soul of ancestors), and with *rahu* ill placed in the eighth house, it would be best to offer charity to the poor in terms of *anna daan*. Professionally, Mars helps you make rapid advances, but the only stumbling block is in terms of recognition which gets affected due to the very rare opposition of Sun and Saturn in 1/7 axis which also affects the health of your spouse. Though your children might do well, their health may be impacted. You may avoid Wednesday/Thursday for important official work/meetings as Moon along with ketu will be afflicted by Mars.

VIRGO

It is a good idea to get all professional work done till Thursday as your sign lord is in the house of gains till Wednesday. If you delay, your work will be delayed by a few weeks. From Thursday, health issues will again demand your attention with both Sun-Mercury in your 12th house. Expenses, and litigation will rise, avoid getting into arguments with government/officials. However, the presence of Venus in your sign will bring good cash inflows and income as well. This week you can expect delicious meals and also some sensuous enjoyment.



LIBRA

An easy week, where you shall socialise a lot and meet friends. Monday/Tuesday are progressive days on the professional front, your accomplishments will grow this week and you shall be able to see good results from Thursday onwards. Wednesday/Thursday is good for short trips abroad, but not for negotiating business deals. You will need to take care of your father's health in the coming few weeks. Help from seniors/bosses and games from government authorities is indicated. It is also a good time to socialise, and make new friends with government officials.

SCORPIO

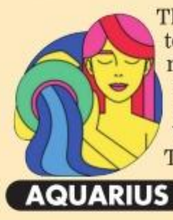
Finally, your time is positive, and a lot of mess will be cleared off your mind as well as table. Actions you take now will put you in the limelight. There might be some problem, in contracts/negotiations, however, they shall start getting sold from Thursday onwards. Gains from women and friends as seen in the coming few weeks. This is a achievement oriented week, which will put you in the spotlight after you take assertive action. There is no need to be on the defensive now, as the evil houses 6/8/12th empty in your chart right now.

SAGITTARIUS

The Moon is well placed throughout the week, you will be happy, and can expect success in work on Monday/Tuesday. Mid-week is a time where you could celebrate auspicious functions and make new friends. As Mars is in the initial degrees in your career house, you can expect some trouble, admit, however, things will improve after a few weeks. From Thursday onwards, whatever obstacles you are experiencing in your endeavours and in business will disappear as Mercury enters your career house, bringing in wealth and destruction of enemies.

CAPRICORN

Avoid Monday/Tuesday for any kind of important work, also you may have low energy and ill health on these days. Distributing milk, and donation of jaggery shall be beneficial. On the materialistic front, you can gain things that you desire, and also have a wonderful spiritual travel to as long as Venus moves through your ninth house. Mercury changes from Thursday, and that shall be beneficial in terms of wealth, fame and more opportunities for gain wisdom. If you are into any litigation, Mars is well placed to ensure destruction of your enemies.



AQUARIUS

This is indeed a tough week as most of the planetary transits are not favourable. Wednesday/Thursday should be avoided for all kind of activities, and even for any kind of purchase of any luxurious items/vehicles/renovation work at home. Transit of the Sun in your seventh house of relationships is not very conducive as it can cause bodily ailments and some troubles from the government. The transit of Mercury is favourable only till Wednesday, but from Thursday onwards, its transit in the seventh house can bring anxiety and obstacles in most activities.

PISCES

By and large, this is a favourable week for you, though health of your spouse may not be up to the mark. There will be hidden conspiracies against you through enemies, but they shall not succeed as sun in the sixth house, protects you and also ensures victory in competitive situations. For those connected with real estate/buying/selling of properties, have a good period till Thursday. You will be in a better mental state and be more enthusiastic in your work. Do not eat out in anyone's house on Friday.

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

	3	4			7			
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3	1		9	7				
	5		2		6		8	
				4	3		7	6
5	4		6					1
		9						
			7			5	2	

HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

EVENTS

EXHIBITION

India Habitat Centre: *From Leh to the Bay* - A solo photography exhibition by Sandipan Mukherjee. Till September 10. Visual Arts Gallery, IHC

India Habitat Centre: *Urban Thoughts* - A solo Stainless Steel Sculpture exhibition by Vikash Kalra. Till September 12, Centre Atrium, IHC

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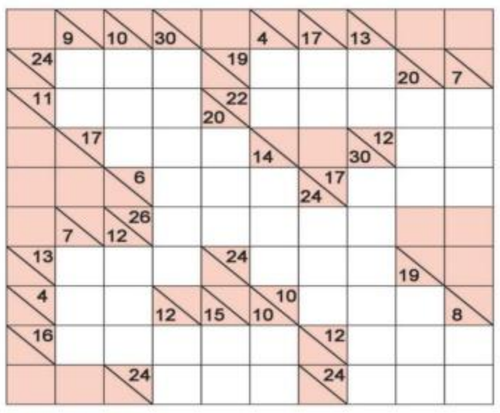
GARFIELD

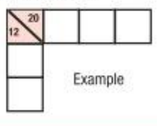
TIMES KAKURO



HOW TO PLAY

The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance in the example, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+4+8 for 20.



Example

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
04-average | 05-good | 06-outstanding

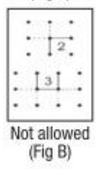
How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

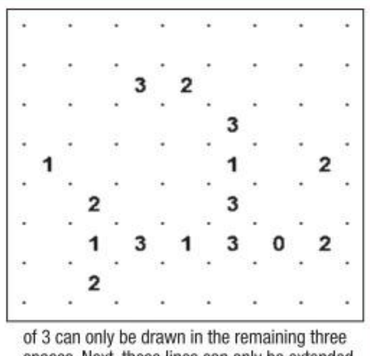
(Fig A)



Not allowed (Fig B)

HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.



Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend **(Fig B)**.

SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

GILEE

ALVAI

EFOUDN

CDEIKW

HOW TO PLAY

Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a __ ____. - Walter Bagehot (3,4)

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

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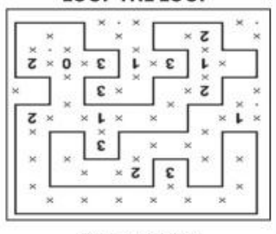
LOOP THE LOOP



TIMES KAKURO

SPELLATHON

every, leery, lyre, rely, REVELRY, very

SCRAMBLE

Words: Liege, avail, fondue, wicked
Answer: One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea.
- Walter Bagehot

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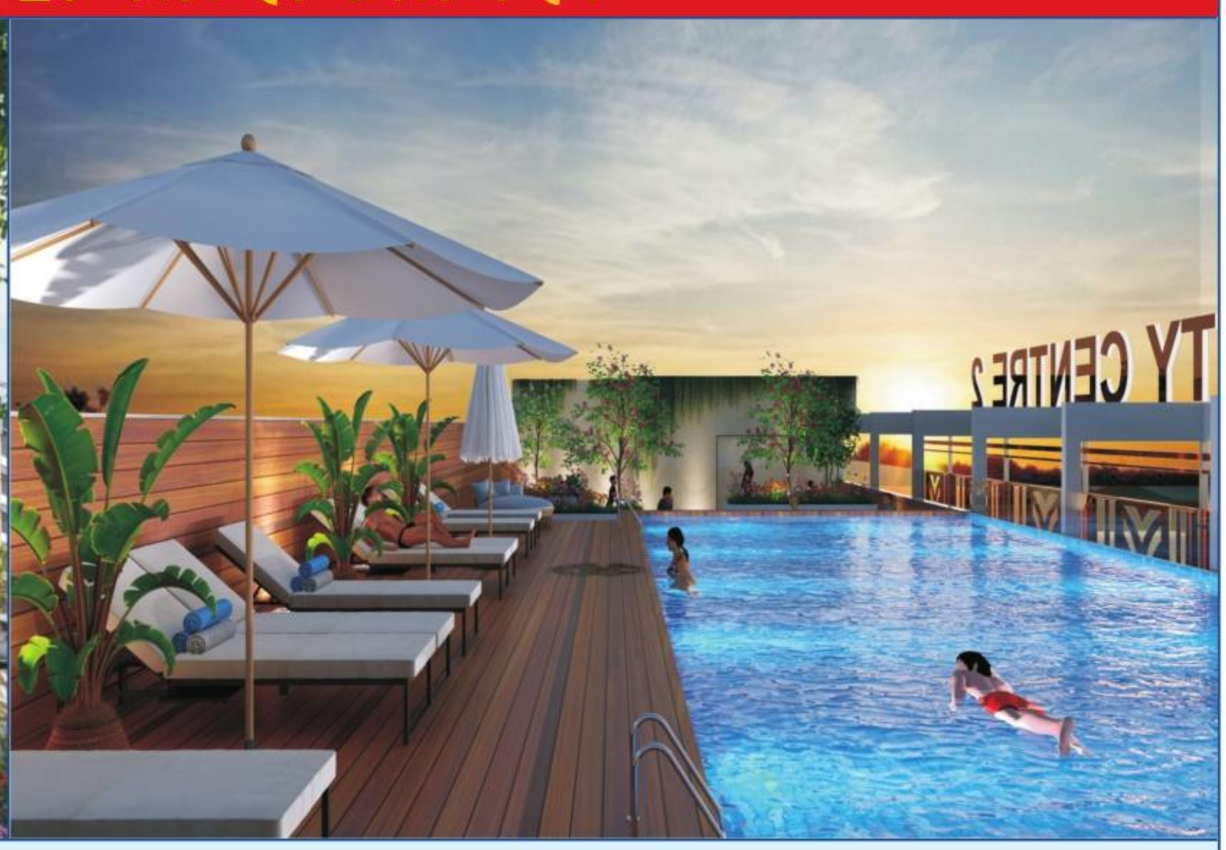

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Sharad Aggarwal, CEO and Wholetime Director, and Dr Bina Modi with Mr & Mrs M Prabhakara Rao, winner of the KK Modi Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

Recently Dr Bina Modi, the Chairperson and Managing Director of Godfrey Phillips India Ltd. (GPIL), hosted a celebrations for the 84th birth anniversary of the brand's late founder, KK Modi. This event showcased her commitment to promoting and protecting his legacy.

A spokesperson of the brand stated, "In her address, Dr Modi credited the company's continued record-breaking growth, highest-ever share prices, and increased valuation to the dedication and hard work of every GPIL employee."

The spokesperson added, "Under Dr Modi's leadership, the brand has not only experienced unprecedented growth but also adhered to all principles of good corporate governance. The company's principles and policies are aligned with the highest standards, ensuring transparency, ethical practices, and a sense of responsibility towards all stakeholders. This dedication to governance has been carried forward by Dr Modi with unwavering resolve."

Dr Modi said, "We are where we are today because of the collective effort of our people. What fills me with the greatest pride is that Godfrey Phillips India has been recognized as a Great Place to Work for six consecutive years."

The spokesperson informed that Dr Modi also highlighted in her address how the company's focus on innovation and people-first policies has been instrumental in its sustained success. "Our journey is a reflection of KK Modi's philosophy of generating goodwill, fostering lasting relationships, contributing substantially in our farming regions through our CSR initiatives. He was not just a business leader; he was a mentor and a guide to all of us. We also take this opportunity to recognise and honour the employees who advance Mr Modi's pursuit of excellence by bestowing them with KK Modi Awards for Excellence," Dr Modi said.

The Founder's Day celebration was held at Modi Farms in Chattarpur, with the company's employees and their families witnessing the recognition of outstanding contributors as a key highlight. The spokesperson added, "As the company continues to soar to new heights, it does so with the solid foundation of integrity, innovation, and care – principles that were instilled by its founder and are now championed by Dr Bina Modi."

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WHERE GLOBAL FLAVOURS MEET DESI TRADITIONS

Vegetarian delicacies at Kiara Soul Kitchen

This season, indulge in some delectable vegetarian fare at Kiara Soul Kitchen. The brand's management team says, "We invite patrons to embark on a culinary journey where ancient traditions meet modern mindfulness. This fine dining restaurant blends global flavours with wholesome and minimally processed ingredients – such as organic whole grains ranging from millets to barley, farm fresh vegetables, *khand* in place of white sugar, use of mineral rich rock salt and ayurveda-inspired tridoshic sunflower oil – crafting a truly unique gastronomic experience."

The team adds, "The resto's signature dishes showcase the chefs' creativity, such as the Chipotle Barley Bowl, harmoniously balancing smoky spices and nutty whole grains. The Forbidden Black Rice, paired with homemade green curry, is also a must-try dish here."

"Indian-inspired delights like Panch Anaj *ki roti* and fermented Khameeri Naan can be paired with Paneer Makhni gravy. Our gravies are rooted in tradition, yet we limit the amount of fat, ensuring flavour without compromise," say the Windlass brothers.

They add, "Oriental-inspired creations also undergo thoughtful twists, substituting naturally brewed soy sauce for light and dark soy, and eliminating MSG. The Wholesome Bowl, featuring barley or whole-wheat noodles or gluten free rice noodles served with Mangolian-style stir-fried vegetables, exemplifies this approach."

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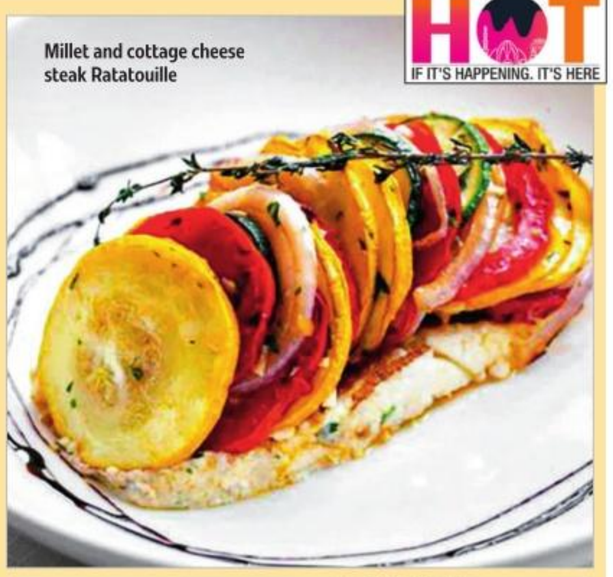

Millet and cottage cheese steak Ratatouille

Black rice with green Thai curry

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Ganesh Chaturthi SPECIAL

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It is impossible to imagine the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi without modak. However, there are many more sweets and delicacies that are prepared and offered to Bappa. Let's take a look

Sweet beginnings

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Ganesh Chaturthi, a vibrant ten-day celebration, reminds one of the magnificent life and legacy of Lord Ganesha, symbolising the triumph of good over evil.

The celebrations of Ganesh Utsav are incomplete without indulging in an array of delectable sweets. This year, while the essence of tradition remains strong, there's a growing trend of adding a contemporary twist to age-old recipes.

MODAK MAGIC

Lord Ganesha's favourite sweet, modak, is a must-have during the festival. "Modaks are believed to represent the sweetness of success and the rewards of hard work. Offering modaks to Lord Ganesha is a gesture of devotion and respect, making them an integral part of the celebrations. According to myth, Goddess Parvati would feed modaks to Ganesha to satisfy his appetite," says Sid Mathur, founder of a prominent confectionery brand.

Traditionally, a modak is made from rice flour dough filled with jaggery and coconut. However, this year, culinary enthusiasts are taking modaks to the next level with innovative variations.

"While the traditional modak is steamed and known as Ukadiche Modak, there are various other forms of this sweet treat. Fried, chocolate, and dry fruit are some popular variations, each maintaining the essence of this sacred sweet with coconut and jaggery in common, while introducing new flavours to appeal to different tastes," shares Ashu Chugh, executive chef of a prominent resort.

Chocolate Modak: A hit among the younger generation, chocolate modaks are made by blending cocoa with the traditional filling, offering a rich and indulgent treat. Some versions even include a dash of coffee or chili, giving the modak a bold flavour profile.

Pistachio and Rose Modak: For those who crave a royal touch, the pistachio and rose modak is a luxurious choice. The subtle fragrance of rose and the crunch of pistachios create an exquisite balance, making it a perfect offering to the deity and a treat for your guests.

BAPPA'S FAVOURITE

Besides modak, laddoos are another staple during Ganesh Chaturthi, and for good reason! These sweet balls are made with gram flour, sugar, and ghee, and are a favourite of Lord Ganesha. This year, they are being reimagined in ways that are both health-conscious and flavour-packed.

Quinoa Coconut Laddoo: Health meets tradition with these laddoos. Quinoa, a superfood, is combined with coconut and jaggery to create a laddoo that's nutritious and delicious. These are perfect for those who are mindful of their diet but don't want to miss out on the festive indulgence.

Blueberry Almond Laddoo: Adding a fruity twist to the classic laddoo, this version includes dried blueberries and almond flour. The slight tartness of the blueberries complements the sweetness of the laddoo.

A WORLD OF FLAVOURS

Fusion sweets are becoming increasingly popular, especially among urban families who enjoy blending traditional flavours with contemporary culinary trends.

Millet Kheer: A creamy and comforting dessert, millet kheer is a nutritious twist on the traditional Indian sweet treat, packed with the goodness of millets and flavourful spices.

"A traditional sweet that embodies the spirit of the festival, millet kheer is made with grain foxtail millet. This delicacy is not only delicious but also symbolises prosperity and abundance. What makes it even more meaningful is the commitment to sourcing all ingredients locally, ensuring that every spoonful reflects the true taste of the land," says Manoj Kumar, head chef of a well-known resort.

Gulkand Cheesecake: Imagine the rich, floral notes of gulkand infused into a creamy cheesecake. This fusion dessert brings together the best of flavours, making it a showstopper at any festival gathering.

Ganesh Chaturthi is a time to come together with family and friends, and what better way to do so than by sharing sweets that reflect the rich cultural heritage of India

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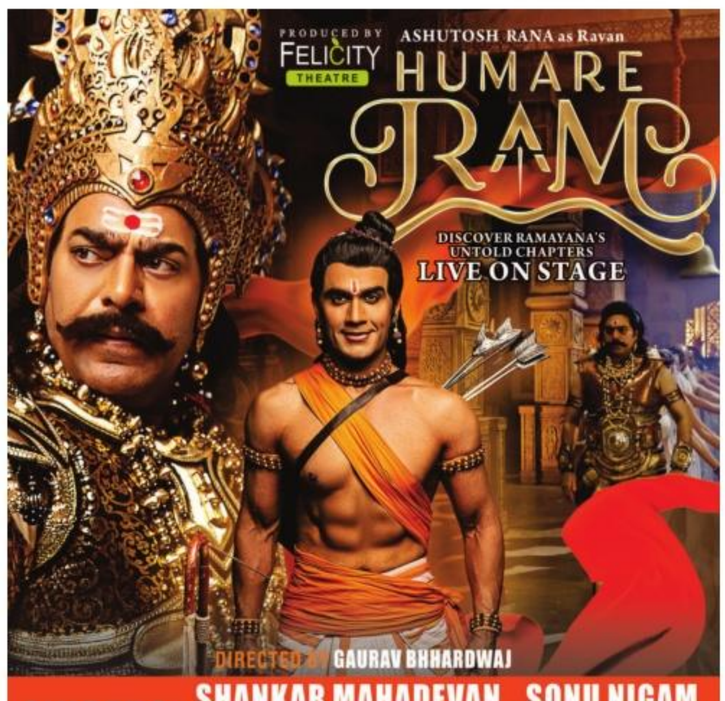

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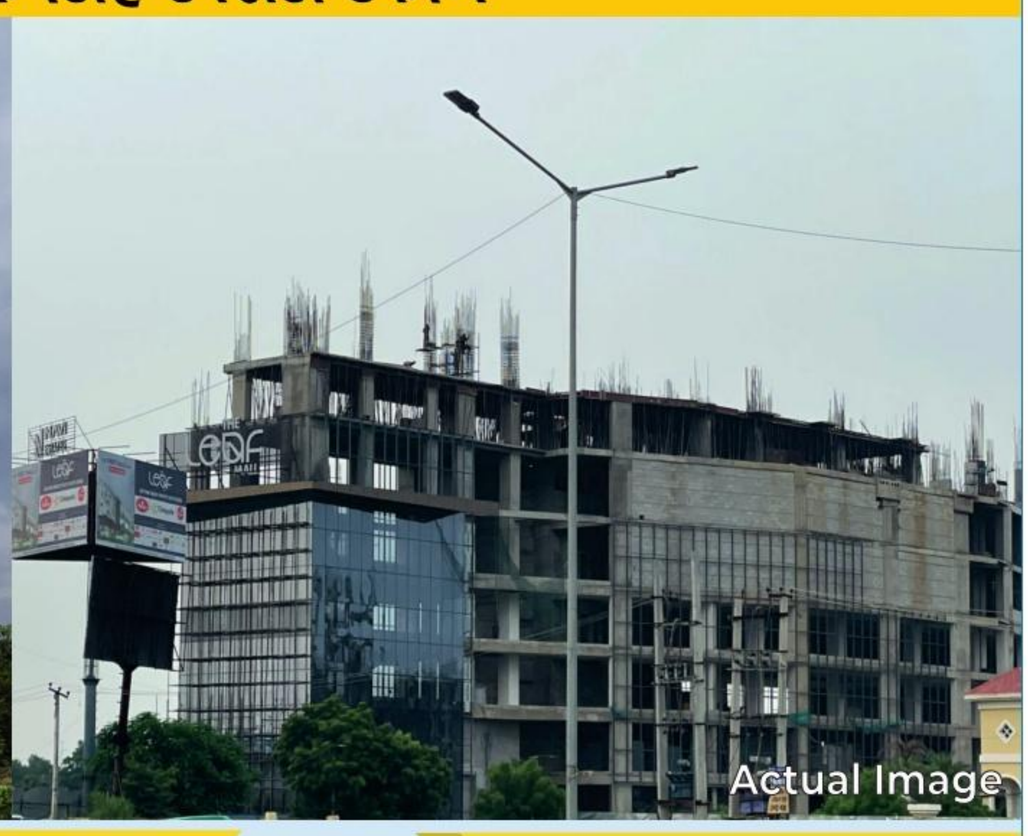

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The brand's management team states, "Our appetisers include finger foods, kebab platters, and fish & chips. Meanwhile, our main course dishes include Martaban *ka* Meat, Kanastari *Murg*, sushi, bao and dim sum, tomato fish, and Chicken Ala Kiev. We also serve pizzas, grilled sandwiches, blitz burgers, and pot pies. For dessert, one can try our atomic *kala jamun* and tutti frutti sundae. Our guests can also enjoy happy hours (one plus one) every day from 12 pm onwards."

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Meal for two: ₹2000

Pan-Asian cuisine at Honk
Nestled within Pullman New Delhi Aerocity, Honk is a contemporary pan-Asian restaurant with a warm and inviting ambiance, ideal for both intimate dinners and grand celebrations. Open for dinner, the restaurant serves a range of cuisines from across the Oriental regions, showcasing rich and diverse flavours. From Thai curries to Japanese sushi, the restaurant's menu offers something to satisfy every palate.

The brand's management team says, "Every Sunday, Honk transforms into a culinary wonderland with its Asian brunch. Indulge in Vietnamese pho, Chinese cuisine, and more. Interactive food stations add an element of excitement and engagement to the brunch experience, allowing guests to witness the culinary artistry firsthand."
Address: Pullman New Delhi Aerocity
Contact: +91 987166660 and +91 9971496999

Kakori special at Al-Kauser
Run by Chef Ashfaq Ahmed and his son, Chef Arbaz Ahmed, Al-Kauser serves some truly mouthwatering dishes. The brand's management team shares, "Before Independence, Kakori was a quiet village near Lucknow, where Nabbu Mian used to sell kebabs at a local dargah. He passed his expertise to his son, Kallu Mian, who popularised Kakori *kebabs* in Lucknow. Kallu's son, Ishtiaq Ahmed, further elevated the craft, serving celebrities and dignitaries across India. In 1970, Ishtiaq impressed Delhi's foodies. The Kakori *kebab*, with its blend of 52 spices and secret recipe, remains a legacy."

Locations: Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida
Contact: 9555839555
Meal for two: ₹1000

Enjoy a classic dining experience at Moti Mahal Delux
Located in the heart of Delhi, Moti Mahal Delux was founded by Tipu Kohli in 1975, according to the brand's management team. They add, "Now, the restaurant is run by his son, Yuvraj Kohli. Known for serving desi cuisine, some of our signature dishes include Butter Chicken and *Dal Makhani*." The elegant ambiance and service make it a perfect spot for any meal.
Address: E-31/32, South Extension 2
Contact: +91 1140507400
Meal for two: ₹1,800

Desi vibes at Nukkad
Nukkad has recently opened its new outlet in Kailash Colony. Known for its quintessential desi vibes, this place brings a vibrant and homely feel to every visit. "We host live music every day of the week, which sets the mood for a fun outing. Here, you can try our *Matka* LIIT and *Banta* cocktails, along with delicious desi food. This place is all about great food, lively music, and a fantastic ambiance."
Address: Shop number C23, SDA Market, Block C 5, Safdarjung Development Area, Hauz Khas; Contact: 011 4108 3311
Address: HS-7, third floor, Kailash Colony Market, Greater Kallash-1
Contact: 093112 66437

Italian treat at Café Wink
Known for its warm ambiance, Café Wink is one of Delhi's charming spots, offering delicious food and excellent service. The café's management team says, "We are renowned for our Italian cuisine, featuring timeless dishes like pasta, pizza, and risotto. We take pride in using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, ensuring that every dish is not only of high quality and flavour but also supports the community. Whether you're seeking a quiet place to enjoy a meal or a lively spot to catch up with friends, this café provides the perfect setting for both."
Address: Sikka Galaxy, G-1, Shreshtha Vihar, Anand Vihar
Contact: 011 43596979 and +91 81303 70123
Meal for two: ₹1000

Savour symphony of flavours at Pikwik Restaurant
Located in Pitampura and Rohini, Pikwik Restaurant offers a meticulously crafted menu featuring a symphony of flavours. The outlet's management team states, "Some of our must-try items include the corn and cheese roll and kebabs. Our all-time faves are Butter Chicken and *Dal Makhani*, among others."

The restaurant's chic, modern ambiance complements its culinary offerings. The team adds, "With our attentive service and exquisite dining experience, we aim to make your visit truly memorable. You can also enjoy the convenience of our in-house food delivery service, available throughout Rohini and Pitampura."
Address: 66 Shakti Vihar, Pitampura
Contact: 9582600818

North Indian fare at Havemore
Located in Pandara and Saket, Havemore serves delicious north Indian cuisine. The brand's management team says, "Our Butter Chicken is popular among patrons and has won awards. It is cooked in a rich, creamy tomato-based gravy, perfectly balanced with tangy and aromatic spices. The recipe has remained unchanged over the years."

They add, "Our *Dal Makhani*, a comfort food that is slow-cooked to perfection, is equally loved. These dishes reflect our commitment to quality and flavour."
Address: Pandara Market, 11-12, Barda Ukil Marg, India Gate; Ground floor, MGF Metropolitan Mall
Contact: 8178883458 and 9759757070

Scenic dinning experience at Café 24 by Hotel City Park
Nestled in Pitampura, Café 24 at Hotel City Park is one of the premier 24/7 dining destinations in the city, offering a sophisticated culinary experience. This café blends contemporary elegance with a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

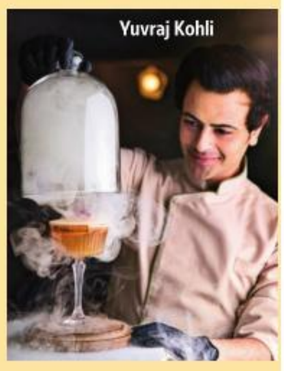
The venue boasts a diverse, multi-cuisine menu featuring a range of combos and signature dishes, including the must-try Lalla Mussa Dal. The café's management team says, "We cater to all types of gatherings, from romantic dinners and business meetings to family outings, friends' get-togethers, kitty parties, or even late-night cravings. The dining experience is further enhanced by the scenic view of lush greenery and water fountains, adding a touch of serenity to the elegant ambiance."

They add, "Guests can enjoy not only the scrumptious food but also the warm, attentive service that makes every visit special."
Address: Hotel City Park, Pitampura
Contact: 011-42310101 and +917678653997
Email: info@cityparkhotel.in
Website: www.cityparkhotel.com

A mix of flavours at Chica
Chica has recently released a new menu that showcases culinary innovation with its 'Progressive Global Cuisine,' blending tradition and creativity. The brand's management team says, "Try the 'Fusion Pan Asian' for a mix of flavours, while 'The Art of Patisserie' offers delicate pastries. The 'European Tapas & Grills' features an array of shareable plates and grilled dishes. Meanwhile, through 'Local & Seasonal' we ensure that the menu evolves with the seasons."

Curated by founder Dinesh Arora, the menu includes dishes like Korean Avocado Salad, Basu Dengaku Bao, King Oysters, Drunken Tiger Prawns, and Malay Chilli Lobster, among others.
Address: One Golden Mile, Block A, Netaji Nagar
Timings: 12pm to 1am
Contact: 9990019981 and 9990019982
Meal for two: ₹3500

Chinese delights at Ichiban
Ichiban Pandara has been delighting Delhiites with its authentic Chinese cuisine since its establishment in 1994, notes the brand's management team. They add, "Some of our must haves are - garlic chicken, chilli honey chicken, hakka noodles and Kung Pao veg. For those seeking a more traditional Chinese taste, our momo and dim sum are not to be missed."
Address: 9 Pandara Road Market
Contact: 9999801154
Meal for two: ₹700 onwards


Yuvraj Kohli

Global flavours with a desi touch at Bobachee
Experience a dining adventure at Bobacheel. Owned by the creator of Moti Mahal Delux, this restaurant offers a menu that blends global flavours with a lively ambiance. The brand's management team states, "Led by Chef Yuvraj Kohli, the restaurant serves a range of dishes, including Kadhai Bhuna Chicken, California Sushi, and Prawn Cocktail. The newly introduced high tea menu, featuring masala *chai*, cupcakes, and *samosas*, adds a chic touch. We promise to deliver an exciting mix of flavours, service, and a stylish atmosphere."
Address: Third floor, D Block, D-14, South Extension II
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A watch with reversible case can easily be dressed down or up

Add a versatile timepiece to your OOTD

Divya Kaushik

What's your beater watch (or an everyday watch)? You may have been asked this a lot if you are someone who takes pride in their horological devices. But choosing 'an everyday watch' that complements your personal style and goes with your schedule and wardrobe is not an easy task. If you are looking for a timepiece that would go from a corporate meeting to a dinner date, the one rule to be followed is "go for a clear, minimal, easy-to-read dial. Stainless steel or gold bracelets add a touch of elegance and are perfect for a sleek, polished appearance. They're like the little black dress of watch straps – always in style," says fashion influencer Riya Jain.

Cartier Tank

Choose a neutral dial (white, black, blue). Avoid getting carried away with new launches with coloured and neon dials as that will always limit the wearability

Stay away from neon, too much bling

"When selecting a versatile watch, it's best to steer clear of bright and neon colours, as they can be challenging to match with various outfits. Such bold tones are more suited for specific occasions or casual settings, but they lack the adaptability needed for day-to-night transitions or formal events," says Anita Khatri, luxury expert and podfluencer.

Patek Philippe Nautilus

If your personality is more outdoorsy and you dress more in athleisure, then you could choose a more sporty watch, on a strap or a bracelet. There are many sporty options which look elegant

'A good metal link strap works with everything'

Fashion and luxury influencer Aashna Shroff shares, "A good metal link strap that has a mix of yellow gold and steel can be worn with pretty much everything. For women, the iconic Panthere de Cartier is known for its versatility and its elegance is truly unmatched in my opinion." Sarosh Mody, director of a luxury watch company, adds, "Focus on how your timepiece can add value to your day. For example, frequent travellers can choose a multi-timezone (world-timer) function."

Chopard Happy Diamonds

A playful design can add lightness and glamour to your everyday look

Audemars Piguet Royal Oak

If you wear more of dress shirts, you may want to focus on a watch with a relatively thinner case, so that it does not bulge uncomfortably under your cuff

Bvlgari Serpenti

Your everyday watch need not be understated. Go for a bold look if that's your style

Keep a watch on these chic pieces

When it comes to versatile timepieces for women, the Omega Constellation, Cartier Tank, and Rolex Datejust are timeless choices. These watches embody elegance and adaptability, making them suitable for various occasions

For men, the Omega Aqua Terra, Rolex Submariner, and Audemars Piguet Royal Oak are outstanding options. These watches effortlessly transition from day to night

For added versatility, a bi-colour watch—featuring both steel and gold—is perfect, balancing subtlety with sophistication. Chopard's Happy Diamonds, with its floating diamond, and the Jaeger-LeCoultre Reverso, known for its reversible case, are also notable for their unique design and versatility

Bvlgari Serpenti in steel or with minimal diamonds, or the Patek Philippe Nautilus, can easily complement both day and evening looks without being overly ostentatious

– With inputs from Anita Khatri, luxury expert and podfluencer and Sarosh Mody, director of a luxury watch company

BACK BEAT

It's called adulting: Varun Dhawan on life as a dad

Varun Dhawan; (inset) a picture with his baby girl, who was born in June

Varun Dhawan talked about his life as a new dad and shared some anecdotes at a recent event. The actor jokingly said that apart from his parents and wife, even his daughter has started scolding him. When asked what has changed in his life after he became a dad, the *Bhediya* actor, who welcomed his first child in June, said, "It feels a bit strange that mom and dad just scolded me, and then as soon as I enter the baby's room, the kid is also scolding me, and then my wife is scolding me too. So, at that moment, you start to wonder what your position is in the house."

He further added, "I guess you call it 'adulting'. When you are in between both situations. I am lucky to have an elder brother, *jo* load *bhi leta hai*. What becomes scary or difficult at that point in time for the child is the parent's health. When we are young, our parents are worried about us. *Abhi bhi karte hain*, but as they grow older, you also need to take care of them. It's a situation you have to navigate." Agencies

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Tollywood women demand the release of 2022 report on sexual harassment

Following the impact of Hema Committee Report, women from the Telugu film industry have launched a campaign urging the Telangana government to release the 2022 CASH (Committee Against Sexual Harassment) report, which has been withheld for two years

Citing the need for transparency and accountability, women in the Telugu film industry have united to demand the Telangana government to publish a key report on sexual harassment and gender equality that has been withheld since June 2022. Submitted by the Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH) in June 2022, the report aimed to address workplace safety for women but remains undisclosed. Influential voices, including Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Chinmayi Sripaada, Nandini Reddy, and Jhansi, have called for its immediate release, emphasising the need for transparency.

'We need the report to frame industry policies'

We, the women of the Telugu film industry, welcome the Hema Committee report and applaud the persistent efforts of the WCC in Kerala, which has laid the path to this moment. Taking cue from the WCC, The Voice of Women, a support group for women in the TFI, was created in 2019. We hereby urge the Telangana government to publish the submitted sub-committee report on sexual harassment, which can help frame government and industry policies, to establish a safe working environment for women in the TFI

– Samantha Ruth Prabhu shared on Insta story

'We must understand the root causes to prevent & address sexual harassment'

The Hema Committee Report has given the courage to women in Malayalam cinema to come forward and speak up, thanks to the groundwork they laid. We've reached out to the Telangana government to release the report submitted by Voice of Women from Tollywood. Only by understanding the root causes of workplace harassment can we effectively prevent and address it.

– Nandini Reddy, Director & member of Voice of Women

Two years on, the Telugu Film Industry's sexual harassment report still under wraps

Sri Reddy's semi-nude protest outside the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce on April 7 2018, demanding attention to the widespread sexual harassment in the industry, led to the formation of the Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH) in 2019, a 25-member committee chaired by Ram Mohan, Chairman of the Telangana State Film Development Corporation (TSFDC). The team, which included police personnel, doctors, producers, actors, and directors, was mandated to document harassment cases and propose guidelines to establish a safe working environment. A subcommittee called Voice of Women was also formed in the same year. In June 2022, the report was submitted to the Telangana government. Despite numerous calls to release the report, no action has been taken yet.

– Inputs by M Priyanka Goud